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## SOLE SURVIVOR CONFESSES HIS PART IN CATALINA PIRACY

### Pilots Shot When Resisting Attempt

### HAD THREE CONFEDERATES

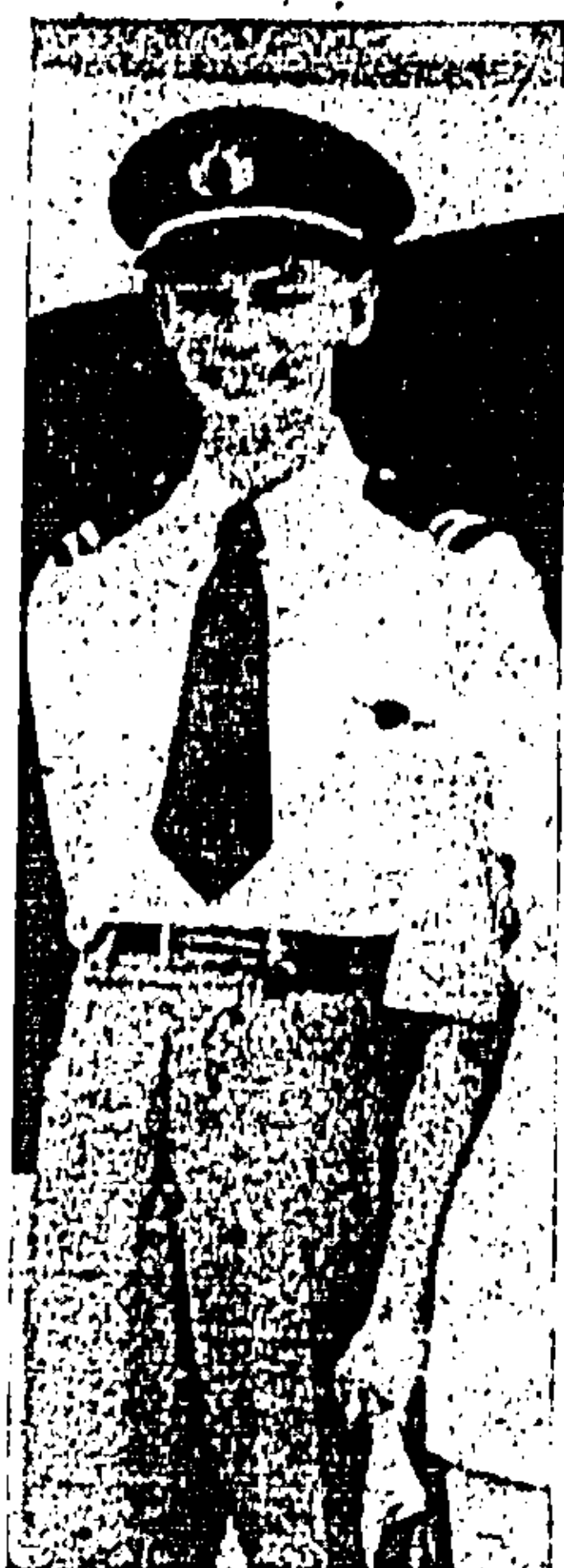
(From Our Own Correspondent)

Macao, July 30.

Confronted with additional evidence, Wong Yu, 24-year-old solo survivor of the Catalina flying-boat disaster of July 16, broke down today and confessed his part in the fantastic, abortive plan to pirate the plane.

Macao's Police Chief, Captain L. A. M. Paletti, told the "China Mail" this morning that Wong had signed a statement in which he admitted his share in the conspiracy, unprecedented in this part of the world. He also implicated three of the passengers, killed in the tragedy.

Suffering from a fractured leg (not two broken legs as previously reported), Wong is now under heavy guard in the Police Ward of the Macao Hospital.



SECOND PILOT K. B. McDuff who hit two of the pirates with an iron flag bar, then fell from bullets from their guns.

### Surprise Drive On Insurgents

Singapore, July 30. British Army troops and the Malayan troops opened a surprise drive at dawn today against insurgent forces near Malaya's only coal mine at Batu Arang, 26 miles north-west of Kuala Lumpur.

In the first few hours they killed 32 terrorists and captured 18. No police or military casualties were reported. The attack was launched in the area where 100 terrorists three weeks ago seized the town, killed Chinese employees and wrecked the mine's machinery.

The government assault forces arrived at the mine before dawn and fanned out into the jungle. They took the insurgents by surprise and in their first rush, overran the sentry post killed two occupants and burned down jungle hide-out huts.

In Kuala Lumpur, the authorities reported the terrorists yesterday killed two Chinese in Negris Sembilan State and two others in Pahang. State and murdered a special constable in a raid on the Sungai Lembing police station on the east coast of Pahang.—United Press.

Captain Paletti said that he has not yet decided on the charge to be brought against Wong. More bullets have been found in the wreckage of the flying-boat to confirm the piracy theory exclusively reported by the "China Mail" on July 22.

The body of Chiu Tok, one of the 24 passengers killed in the tragedy, was yesterday identified as that of Chiu Tok, the alleged Mexican-born, Manila-trained pilot who was to take over control of the flying-boat from Dole Cramer.

Wong's other two confederates were Chiu Yat-ming and Chiu Cheong, according to his signed confession. They also perished in the crash.

Captain Paletti said that Wong's statement disclosed that the piracy

the date and the six P.M. plane was chosen.

The four men went to the house of a woman where Chiu Tok had hidden the plane. They then went to a Macao store and bought some American-style clothes, called a taxi and went to the airport.

"Wong took a position near the entrance at the rear of the plane,"

### FOUR MORE SUSPECTS DETAINED

In addition to Wong Yu, only survivor of the Catalina flying-boat crash on July 16 the Macao Police have detained four other suspects.

The Sing Tao Jih Pao said yesterday that the four suspects include two women. They were allegedly detained when they visited the mortuary to identify the bodies of Wong's three alleged accomplices.

Paletti said, "The three others went up behind the pilot."

"Chiu Tok demanded that the pilot should give control of the plane to him. One European tried to interfere with Chiu Cheong and second pilot K. B. McDuff picked up an iron flag bar and hit two of the pirates. All three then emptied their guns into McDuff and Cramer, firing 18 shots.

"The pilot fell over the controls and the plane crashed out of control."

"Was Only Guide"

Reuter says that according to Paletti, Wong Yu agreed to take part in the air piracy on condition that he took no part in the actual attack but only guide Chiu Tok to the landing spot at Ping Tong.

Paletti added that Chiu Tok, it appeared, had made several flights between Macao and Hong Kong before deciding when the piracy should take place. Wong Yu studied the proposed landing place many times.

Wong Yu, said Paletti, had stated that he did not know how he got out of the plane. In the water he instinctively held on to a floating seat and was picked up later by a junk. Paletti added that as there was no law covering piracy in the air he was not sure what charges would be brought against Wong Yu. Neither was it decided whether the case would be held in Hong Kong, because of the plane's British ownership, or in Macao, said Reuter.

### MONDAY'S HOLIDAY

The Marine Department will be closed on Monday, with the exception of Port Control Office, Marine Licensing Office and Entry and Clearance Office, which will be open from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The Government Public Relations Office and its Public Relations Room at Statue Square will also be closed.

### British, US Manoeuvres Off Japan

Tokyo, July 30.

U.S. and British planes and ships will hold joint manoeuvres off the coast of Japan on Monday and Tuesday.

Thirteen ships, headed by three cruisers, from the British Pacific Fleet and the U.S. support group will take part.

Already B-29 planes have made attacks on the British cruiser Sussex.

U.S. planes already have landed at Iwakuni, near the British headquarters at Kure, to take part.

Ships participating in the manoeuvres are the British cruisers London and Sussex and the U.S. cruiser Oakland. The balance of the warships are the British destroyers Cossack, Constance, Comus, Consort and Hart, HMAS Batuan, the U.S. destroyers Parks, Brinkley, Bass and Oriskany and the minesweeper Craig.—Associated Press.

### WEALTHY ON BLACK LIST

Shanghai, July 30.

Some 30 wealthy Chinese residents here have been black-listed and their names will be published if they fail to respond with contributions to the Government's special relief levy within three days. It was relayed learned today.

Special appeals have been sent to all the 30 affected and their response should be immediate to avoid adverse publicity, the Collection Committee reported. The Committee is also said to have made known that of the total of 8.5 million million Chinese dollars which Shanghai is called upon to contribute, only 2.5 million so far have been received.—Reuter.

### THE WEATHER

Shallow depressions cover the upper Yangtze the extreme west of China and Hainan.

A tropical depression or typhoon centered at 200 to 250 miles SE of Okinawa will probably move NW.

A ridge from the Pacific anticyclone extends westward across Japan to the Eastern Sea.

Pressure is also relatively high over the China Sea where gradients are generally light.

Today's Forecast—Light or moderate S or SE winds. Cloudy with scattered showers especially early morning.

Yesterday's Weather—

Maximum	85.5 deg. F.
Minimum	77.5 deg. F.
Dew Point	62.5 deg. F.
Humidity	85 per cent.
Wind	10 to 15 m.p.h.
Clouds	Partly cloudy
Visibility	10 miles
Barometer	30.1 in.

Readings at 10 a.m. on July 30.

Temp.	80.0
Humidity	85
Wind	10 to 15
Clouds	Partly cloudy
Visibility	10 miles
Barometer	30.1

### SHANGHAI TO GO WITHOUT NYLONS

Shanghai, July 30.

Stores have up to midnight Saturday to sell nylon stockings. The Bureau of Social Affairs announced today it will strictly enforce the nylon sale ban from August 1 as a measure to encourage frugality, help plugging the drain on China's dwindling foreign exchange and aid the government's campaign against smuggling.

The Bureau said nylon imports would be strictly banned and most current stocks in Shanghai are either smuggled in or came from the Chinese customs which had been auctioning large quantities of seized nylon stockings.

Stores were warned of the impending ban two months ago and sales had been going fast despite high prices—over CN\$80,000,000 (about US\$14) for the 51-gauge and around US\$7 for the 61-gauge.—United Press.

### TRUMAN URGES ACTION TO AVOID DEPRESSION

Washington, July 30.

President Truman and economic advisers today warned Congress that a depression may be in the offing unless something is done to curb the inflation, and declared that prices, wages, production and profits are at a high level. They warned that the present could be a lull before the storm unless government takes "vigorous measures" to bridge the uncertainty between the postwar boom and a stable economy.

Mr. Truman's views were set forth in his mid-year economic report to Congress.

He said: "The fact that we are in a clear and disconcerting conclusion. In spite of some favourable factors, we are in the very midst of gathering inflationary forces which day by day are imposing additional hardships upon countless families, and day by day are undermining the foundations of the remarkably high level of post-war prosperity we have thus far maintained."

"The President added: 'It would be reckless to assume that a bust will not happen if we neglect action to control the boom.'"

**Serious Threat**  
The President's three-man Economic Council headed by Dr. Edwin G. Nourse said that "unworkable relations in the price structure" might cause a break in the economy which could lead to a "general recession of serious proportions."

The Chief of State took the occasion to argue anew on behalf of his 8-point anti-inflation programme which he presented to the special session of Congress on Tuesday.

The reports of the President and the Economic Council were prepared before Mr. Harriman L. Eccles of the Federal Reserve Board predicted to the Senate Banking Committee yesterday that some form of depression was inevitable. Mr. Eccles said: "We certainly are going to have a bust."

Mr. Truman, on the other hand, thought the bust could be prevented by the Federal Reserve, he urged upon Congress this week.

### "Too Late"

Mr. Eccles said the depression could not be stopped but only delayed because the President's programme is "too late."

Mr. Truman, however, insisted "it is not too late for preventive measures."

The President admitted his eight-point anti-inflation programme would interfere with some business plans, curb some profit opportunities and limit some wage advances.

But he insisted: "It is no less urgent to take action to forestall a business collapse than it is to use the government resources to overcome a depression once it has arrived."—United Press.

### TRAIN SERVICE RESTORED

A normal train service to Canton will begin today except for the 8.20 a.m. train which will not be running.

### Ship Hidden From Nazis, Now In HK

The vessel which was successfully hidden from the Germans during the Nazi occupation of Denmark, and which survived the war as now, arrived here yesterday.

She is the 9,000-ton Train Maersk, one of the fastest motor vessels of the Maersk Line.

The vessel, which was the first new ship of the Maersk Line on the Far East run after the war, was built in the Moller shipyard during the war and after her completion was hidden in Sweden in the Axelborg Fiord. She stayed there untouched until the Liberation.

On her sixth voyage to Hong Kong since the war, the Train Maersk yesterday brought 1,000 cases of fresh California oranges, totalling 40 tons. She carried seven passengers.

Equipped with all the latest aids to navigation, including radar, gyro compass, echo sounder and direction finder, the vessel has a crew of 42 from skipper to deck boy. Among them 29 are Danish who because of the route taken, seldom see their homeland.

Others include Shanghai-Russians, Siberians and Americans. There is no Asiatic crew.

### Helmsman

At the helm is tall, wiry Mr. V. A. Varnum, who has been with the Maersk Line for about 20 years. Mr. Varnum has made the

### FOOCHOW FLOOD

Shanghai, July 30.

The recent flood disaster in Foochow was the worst suffered by the area in 80 years, according to the Rev. E. Pearce Hayes, chairman of the International Relief Commission.

In a report to Dr. Robert T. Henry, American Advisory Committee Director, in Shanghai, he said the flood came on top of the most disastrous fire in Foochow's history.—Reuter.



WONG YU, solo survivor of the Catalina disaster and one of four men who attempted to pirate the plane, causing it to crash. This picture of him was taken in Macao Hospital, where he was being treated for a broken leg, received in the crash.

was planned more than a month ago at Taomun, 25 miles west of Macao.

### Sold Rice Fields

The men sold their rice fields for about HK\$3,000 to finance the piracy attempt.

The plan was to take over control of the flying-boat and land it near a place called Ping Tong, some 30 miles from the Portuguese Colony. There it was intended to loot the plane and kidnap the wealthy passengers for ransom, said the "China Mail."

According to Associated Press, Captain Paletti said that Wong had previously indicated that the crash was an accident.

His signed confession said that several days after a discussion with him, Chiu Yat-ming, Chiu Tok and Chiu Cheong returned to Taomun and invited him to take part in a robbery of one of the planes flying between Macao and Hong Kong.

"Because I was in such bad financial condition I accepted," Paletti quoted from the confession.

### Several Trips

Paletti said Wong described several preliminary trips to get the lay of the land and decide upon a place to force the pilot to land. July 16 was selected as

## BIG REDUCTIONS IN HOTEL RATES

### Order Affects Each Of Colony's Hotels

Reductions of between 60 per cent and 200 per cent have been made in the rates charged for accommodation by 91 Hong Kong hotels, boarding houses and public dormitories.

Fixed by the Quartering Authority, Mr. P. F. J. Eardley, the rates are effective from Monday.

There has not been a single instance where hotel rates have not been brought down, Mr. Eardley, told the "China Mail" yesterday. He added that his office is working on the food charges for hotel residents. The rate for each meal will be fixed shortly.

Mr. Eardley said that different rates have been fixed for single and double rooms. The furniture and services provided by each individual hotel were taken into consideration before final decisions were made.

He added that for any additional bed put in a single room or a double room, a charge of not more than 10 per cent of the rate of the room in question can be added.

### To Fight Ban On Strikes

Tokyo, July 30.

Left-wing Government labour unions claiming nearly 1,000,000 workers, announced today they would fight the legalisation of General MacArthur's ban on strikes by Government workers.

Indications were that the "fight" would be limited at least originally to political pressure, propaganda and possibly demonstrations. Union leaders realise a strike would invite direct intervention by occupation authorities.

Kyodo reported the Government agreed on the draft of a special ordinance prohibiting strikes and collective bargaining by Government employees. The ordinance has not been promulgated.

The agency reported the ordinance, the first step to implement MacArthur's letter, affected public employees and officials employed by central and provincial governments and teachers in Government schools.

"All acts impairing the efficiency of national administration, such as labour disputes and sabotage of Government public workers shall be prohibited," Kyodo said the ordinance will provide.

It added "public employees shall have no right of collective bargaining" and "collective agreements shall be made invalid."—Associated Press.

## ICE-COLD COCA-COLA GOES GOOD WITH FOOD

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## GENERAL HOLIDAY MONDAY, 2ND AUGUST, 1948. HOURS OF BUSINESS

**BUTCHERY DEPARTMENT.**  
Branches & Windsor House Annex — 9 a.m.—11 a.m.

**DAIRY DEPARTMENT.**  
All Branches & Windsor House Annex — 8 a.m.—10 a.m.

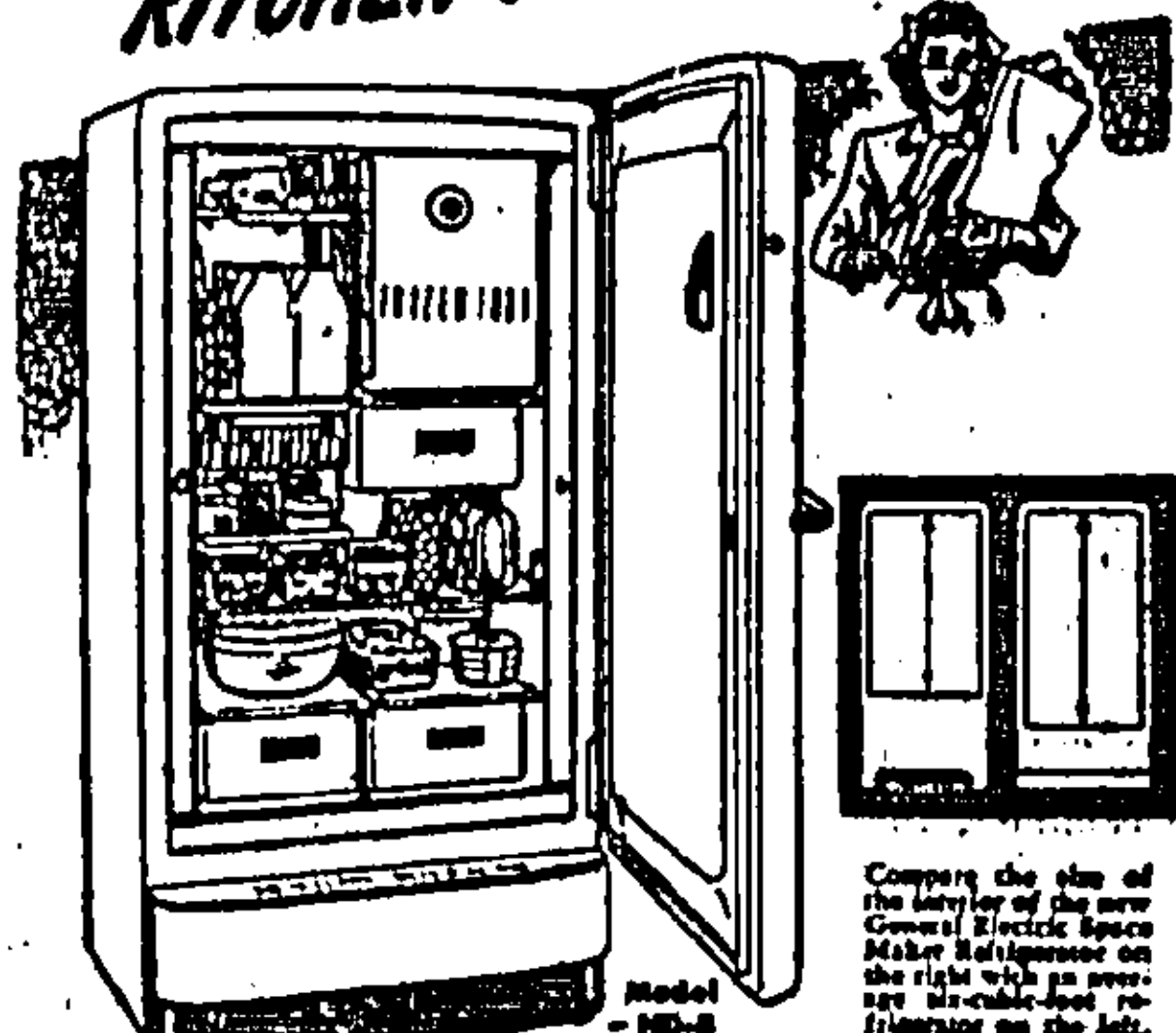
**COLD STORAGE DEPARTMENT.**  
East Point Cold Stores — 9 a.m.—11 a.m.  
Cannought Road Cold Stores — 8 a.m.—10 a.m.  
Canton Road Cold Stores, Kowloon — " "

**ICE SALES.**  
East Point Works — Usual hours  
Kansu Stores, Kowloon — 7 a.m.—10 a.m.  
— 2 p.m.—4 p.m.

Lower Albert Road  
Pottinger Street Depot — 8 a.m.—10 a.m.  
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## Crushed Between Lorry And Wall

An inquiry yesterday into the death of a 13-year-old boy named Lo Kam-cheung who was crushed between a lorry and a wall on Island Road on June 28 was adjourned until today.

## Some Escape Divan Raid

Tam Sik, aged 32, the admitted keeper of an opium divan on the first floor of 140 Bonham Strand East, was sentenced to a fine of \$800 or six months' imprisonment by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

The balls of six smokers arrested on the premises were ordered to be destroyed when they did not answer their charges.

According to Inspector Moran who prosecuted, the whole floor was used and Inspector Cutler who headed the raiding party said that quite a number had escaped by way of the scaffolding erected in front of the house.

Apart from ordering the confiscation of the opium smoking equipment, the magistrate issued a notice to the landlord to recover possession of the flat.

A raid by the same Inspector and party was made on the second floor of the same address and arrested Wong Tak, aged 32 and nine smokers.

The keeper was fined \$800 or six months' imprisonment, and all the smokers who did not show up had their balls destroyed.

According to the prosecution officer, only a small room was being used as the divan.

The same order was made by the magistrate in regard to confiscation and notice to the landlord.

### Previous Conviction

With a previous conviction for larceny in February this year, Chan Hei-kwan was sentenced to four months' hard labour and recommended for banishment when he pleaded guilty before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday to keeping an opium divan, and possession of opium.

Chief Inspector S. G. Smith said that when he raided 30 Hing-pong Road, first floor, on July 29, he found the place being used as an opium divan. Besides the defendant, there were six smokers on the floor.

Five lamps, four pipes, and a mass of prepared opium were seized.

Five of the smokers were fined \$35 each, and the absentee had his bail of \$50 forfeited. The opium pipes were ordered to be destroyed by the police prior to their being handed over to the Revenue Office.

Li Luk-ling was fined a total of \$125 (for five weeks' hard labour) when he admitted before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday to keeping an opium divan at 25 Fuk Tsun Street, second floor, on July 29.

His two smokers were fined \$30 each, while the three pipes and five lamps were ordered to be destroyed.

A fine of \$100 (or four weeks' hard labour) was imposed on Ki Yee by Mr. Wicks on the charge of keeping an opium divan in the cockpit of 431 Reclamation Street, ground floor, on July 29.

The single smoker found on the premises was fined \$35, and the pipe and lamp seized were confiscated.

Both divans were raided by Detective Sub-Inspector A. Leslie. Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth was the prosecutor in both cases.

### Called Out

He said he had three other people on the lorry on that day and he remembered calling out to the people in the rear to keep a look-out. Before he commenced backing, he sounded his horn twice. He had not gone more than 10 feet when he heard someone call out that someone had been knocked down.

He said he immediately stopped and went to the rear, and found a small boy injured. In his seat he could not have a full view of the rear and there was no driving mirror fitted to the lorry.

After evidence had been given by two other constables regarding their presence at the accident, the magister was adjourned as a few material witnesses did not arrive.

### BROTHEL RAIDED

Pleading guilty before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday to the charge of keeping a brothel at 126 Temple Street, first floor, Mr. Chuen, 25-year-old widow, was fined \$250.

Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans said that the premises were raided by Inspector T. Collins in the small hours of the morning.

## Reminders

### Today

Meeting of Indian Community to prepare for commemorating India Independence Day. Offices of K. A. Chotirmal & Co., 35, Wyndham St., 5.30 p.m.

Concert by Manila Municipal Orchestra, China Fleet Club Theatre, 8 p.m.

Broadcast on "Information Services and the Colonies" by K. W. Blackburne, 8.15 p.m.

### Coming Events

**TOMORROW**  
Classical Concert, T. H. Club, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

**TUESDAY**  
Management Committee of Union Church meeting, Jardine's Board Room, 5.30 p.m.

Urban Council meeting, GPO Bldg., 4.15 p.m.

H. K. Rotary Club luncheon, Roof Garden, H. K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
T. H. Club meeting, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Rd., 8.30 p.m.

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## Lane, Crawford Dividend

At the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Lane, Crawford, Ltd., to be held on August 26 next, the Board of Directors will recommend to Shareholders the payment of a final dividend of \$2.00 and a bonus of \$1.00 per share free of tax, making total dividends of \$3.00 and bonus of \$2.00 for the year ended February 29, 1948.

## Must Report Minor Car Accidents

Quite a number of motorists do not realise that an accident, however small, must be reported to the nearest police station at the earliest possible time, said Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

Mrs. E. C. Hargreaves of "Shangri-la," Shatin, summoned for failing to give the correct signal when changing direction of her car and failing to report an accident, pleaded that she did not know she had to make a report.

The accident, she said, was a very minor one, and no damage was done to either her car (No. 7644) or to taxi 4755.

Triffin Sub-Inspector W. P. Apps, agreeing with the submission, said that Mrs. Hargreaves had just started to back her car, parked outside the Harbour View Hotel, when she saw another car coming along Chatham Road.

In going back to the original position, defendant's car scraped a taxi parked on the left. The two drivers got off their vehicles, exchanged names and addresses, and Mrs. Hargreaves thought no more of the matter.

Mr. Latimer said that all drivers must report any accident in which they are involved, however trivial it might appear to them. If they do not, they run the risk of the driver of the other car turning in an exaggerated and one-sided report.

Defendant was cautioned on both summonses.

## Postman Knocked

In sentencing Postman No. 152, Ho Kwong-yun to a fine of \$10 or one month's imprisonment at Central yesterday, Mr. d'Almada remarked that some people think that because they are Government servants "they can even get away with murder."

Ho was charged with having on the night of July 29, while a passenger in a motor bus and in civilian clothing, refused to pay his fare.

According to Inspector Moran who prosecuted, defendant boarded a bus and when asked by the conductor for his fare, replied that he belonged to the Postal Department and need not pay.

A second request was made for his fare and still he refused.

An inspector of the bus company boarded the bus and when informed by the conductor, he also requested defendant to pay and still he refused. A police constable was called and defendant was arrested and charged accordingly.

## Gold Bars Confiscated

Six gold bars weighing 30 taels and valued at about HK\$10,000 were ordered to be confiscated by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

According to Revenue Officer Redman, the gold was found strapped round the waist of Wong Lun who arrived in the colony by the Kwangsi on Thursday.

An order was also made for the bail of \$25 to be forfeited when Wong failed to answer the charge of importing gold into the colony without a permit.

Quarantine restrictions imposed against arrivals in Hong Kong from Bangkok and Calcutta on account of plague have been removed.

## ALLEGED LEADER OF ARMED GANG COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

An alleged armed robber who used the name of Shuet Yan-kwai (a famed bandit chief of ancient China) was brought before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday on committal proceedings, on the charge of possession of arms and ammunition and armed robbery. During the hold-up of Dr. Luk Chuen-huen, a Hong Kong Government pensioner, and members of his household at 224 Nathan Road, first floor, by four men, Wong Kwai alias Shuet Yan-kwai was alleged to have taken a leading part.

The son and daughter-in-law of the doctor, at an identification parade held under the supervision of Chief Inspector S. G. Smith on July 10, unhesitatingly picked out accused as the No. 1 leader of the gang.

After evidence by the detectives making the arrest, and by the victims, defendant was committed for trial at the next Sessions.

Accused, said Detective Sub-Inspector A. Leslie, was arrested on the afternoon of July 13 by a detective who was left to keep watch at 140 Sai Yee Street, second floor, when he returned for a parcel he had left behind.

The parcel, found inside a suitcase, contained two revolvers (certified by the police armoury). Mr. Perkins, as being in good working condition) loaded with six and five rounds respectively.

Questioned in the Mong Kok Police Station, said DSI Leslie, accused admitted that the watch, covered by a pawn ticket found in his pocket, was part of the proceeds of an armed robbery which he had committed, with three other men not in custody, at 224 Nathan Road, first floor.

### Saw Two Chinese

Dr. Luk said that while he was in the sitting room on the evening of June 10 he was called out to the hallway where he saw two Chinese men sitting on seats.

In reply to witness, the men said that they were there to consult him professionally. He invited them into his consultation room, where one of the callers said that he was suffering from pains near the heart.

As the doctor turned towards the cupboard for his stethoscope one of the men left the room although he was told there was no necessity for him to do so.

On turning back to his "patient," Dr. Luk found himself looking down into the barrel of a revolver. He was told by the gunman, "Keep quiet. Don't move. Go into the other room."

"I had no alternative" but to obey," said witness, adding that when he was walking towards the other room he was accompanied by the intruder who had the gun against his back.

In the sitting room, his son, daughter-in-law and a friend (who were sitting around a table playing cards) and his wife were told to go up to the middle of the room and with him, to squat down.

Another armed man, alleged to be accused, then entered the room. Allowed a little later, by one more armed man who herded in the three arms and the doctor's sister-in-law.

### Bound And Gagged

The whole nine of them were then bound and gagged with strips torn from table-cloths belonging to his daughter-in-law. DSI Leslie said witness, after which they were searched and \$120 and a pocket watch taken from him.

The robbers also took a table alarm clock from his room.

From his daughter-in-law they took a diamond ring, a \$100-note, a \$1 U.S. currency note, a gold chain and a gold ring. His son, Luk Yui-leung, lost a wrist watch, a fountain pen and pencil, and a purse containing \$175, while the friend, Ko Wing-tung, lost a wrist watch, a fountain pen, \$250.

Two callers, Wong Shueung and Tang Hon-ying, were robbed of \$28 and \$10, respectively.

During the whole time, continued witness, the robbers ex-

cepting accused who was keeping guard over them, walked by and out of the different rooms.

**Told To Keep Quiet**  
After they had been robbed they were herded into the bedroom and told to keep quiet and to squat down.

In reply to DSI Leslie, witness said that he counted four robbers altogether. Three of them, including accused, kept changing around their revolvers so that witness could not say whether there were two or three guns.

The other man had a dagger in his hand.

After they had been in the bedroom for some time he peeped out and found the robbers gone. He loosened his gag and ran to the verandah where he raised the alarm.

## Loitering Charge

Arrested by Inspector T. Collins at Nathan Road near Nanking Street at 2.40 a.m. yesterday, two street walkers were charged before Mr. Latimer later in the morning with causing an obstruction by loitering.

Applying for Chan Chun, 23 years, to be remanded for three days in custody, Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans said that the case might be taken for committal.

Defendant informed the Court that she has a three-month-old child and applied for permission to have the child with her as it was being breast fed. Her application was granted.

Chan, 27 years, was bound over in the sum of \$50 for six months.

## NCOs Fined For Test Speeding

Sergeant-Major Taylor and Staff-Sergeant Applby, motor vehicles testers of RASC, Whitfield Barracks, were each fined \$90 in respect of three summonses for speeding at Argyle Street, Waterloo Road, and Nathan Road, on June 28, by Mr. W. H. Latimer of Kowloon yesterday.

Before imposing the fines, the magistrate said that he quite appreciated the predicament of the defendants, but "I cannot make sheep of one

and goat of the other" adding, "We cannot have our streets made into testing ground for motor cycles."

Traffic Sub-Inspector Donald Brown said that Inspector J. Seeling, who was in his car coming out from Mission Road into Argyle Street, saw defendants' motor cycles going at a fast speed.

The Inspector followed them and clocked their speeds at 55 m.p.h. at Argyle Street, 40-45 m.p.h. at Waterloo Road, and 25 m.p.h. at Nathan Road. Both defendants were told to slow their vehicles, and appeared to be racing each other.

They were not riding in a dangerous manner at any time as they had full control of their respective machines, said TSI Brown.

In reply to the magistrate, TSI Brown said that there was no area allotted for testing where speed limits might be broken. There is, however, no speed limit in the New Territories and vehicles could be tested along the straight stretches of road there.

Sgt.-Major Taylor said he had been in the colony for two years and had always used Waterloo Road and Argyle Street for testing vehicles.

## B29'S BACK IN SERVICE

Increasing numbers of B-29 Superfortresses are being taken out of the plastic "cocoon" in which they were placed for storage up to a year ago and are being prepared for flight. Officials at the Army Air Force Base here disclosed today.—Reuter.

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# FARBEN CHIEFS GET OFF

## Not Guilty Of Crime Against Humanity

### "FOLLOWERS, NOT LEADERS"

Nuremberg, July 29.

An American war crimes tribunal today acquitted all 23 accused, former chiefs of the Farben industry, of two major war crimes, crimes against peace and common conspiracy to commit war crimes.

Nine were found guilty of plunder and spoliation in Nazi-occupied countries. The other 14 were acquitted.

Two other verdicts, on slavery and mass murder, and membership of the SS (Black Guard), were expected to be made known tomorrow morning. Only three of the defendants were charged with membership of the illegal SS.

The Farben chiefs, of whom 10 had been members of the Board of Directors of the whole chemical combine, were charged in the indictment with backing Hitler's aggressive bid for power with the full weight of Farben's industrial potential.

The aggressive war count was regarded by the American prosecution as the strongest point in its case.

Reading the three-man tribunal's judgment, Chief Justice Curtis Shook said: "If we lower the standard of participation to include them (the defendants), it is difficult to find a logical place to draw the line between the guilty and the innocent from the great mass of the German people."

#### Unthinkable

"It is, of course, unthinkable, that the majority of Germans should be condemned as guilty of committing crimes against peace. This would amount to a determination of collective guilt to which the exaltation of mass punishment is the logical result for which there is no precedent in international law and no justification in human relations."

"The defendants before us are neither high public officials nor high military leaders. Their participation was that of followers and not leaders."

The tribunal president, reading from the 117-page judgment, which is expected to take him a day and a half to get through, declared: "We would not require the citizens of the risk of becoming a criminal under the rules of international justice, to decide that his country has become an aggressor and that he must lay aside his patriotism, the loyalty to his homeland and the defence of his own lives—at the risk of becoming a traitor to his own country if he takes an erroneous decision, based on a fact of which he has but vague knowledge."

#### Cartel Practice

Referring to the much abused term "cartel," the tribunal found that Farben's foreign agreements appeared to be common practice.

"We cannot assume, in the absence of more specific evidence, that the failure of the United States to develop the production of synthetic rubber was due to the withholding of information by Farben,"—Reuter.

### Going To Have A Bust?

Washington, July 29.

A former chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, Marriner Eccles, said today that the United States "is certainly going to have a bust."

He added that he did not know when deflation would set in or in what degree. This, he said, would depend to a considerable extent on whether the Government has a deficit in the future.

Eccles made the statement to the Senate Banking Committee.—Associated Press.

### US-BRAZIL DEFENCE

Washington, July 29.

A four-year agreement between the United States and Brazil was signed today, under which the United States will establish an advisory military mission in Brazil.

The State Department said the mission will advise the Brazilian Government on the establishment and operation of instructions of senior officers of the Brazilian Army and Air Force in combined operations.—Reuter.

### ANOTHER SOVIET DEFEAT

Geneva, July 29.

The United Nations Economic and Social Council today voted down a Soviet proposal that all aid to Europe be granted "in the framework of the United Nations."

The Council turned a cold shoulder to last-minute attempts at conciliation on the part of the Soviet delegate, M. Arutunian. Later, after first violently attacking the Marshall Plan, he told the Council that the Soviet Union was willing to go "half way" in resolving differences on the economic rehabilitation of Europe.

He supported the strengthening of a United Nations economic commission for Europe whose first annual report the Council is considering.

Mr. Willard Thorp, United States delegate, said that there is no "half way point" on the European recovery programme.

The British delegate, Mr. Hector McNell, said that the Soviet resolution was "propaganda"—United Press.

### Doctor's Negligence:

## CANCER DIAGNOSE WAS WRONG

London, July 29.

Mr. James Whiteford, an American consulting engineer living in Middlesex, was today awarded £6,300 damages against a surgeon, Dr. John Hunter, who, in 1942, wrongfully diagnosed that he had cancer of the bladder and told him he had only a few months to live.

The judge, summing up his findings in the case, which has stirred medical circles for many weeks, found that Dr. Hunter had been negligent in his examination. He had failed to take a specimen growth for examination as had been done by the American surgeon who later examined Mr. Whiteford and found no trace of cancer.

By the time Dr. Hunter's diagnosis was proved wrong, Mr. Whiteford had given up his flat in England and sold his business interests here so that he could return to spend his last few months in the United States.

Mr. Whiteford's claim for damages against Dr. Seymour R. Gleed for alleged negligence was dismissed on the grounds that Dr. Gleed, a general practitioner, was following medical practice when he accepted Dr. Hunter's diagnosis.

The judge said that Dr. Hunter reached his decision that cancer existed merely "by sight and relying on past experience." Dr. Hunter's duty was to have made a microscopic examination and used a cystoscope if it was reasonable to do so. He could not accept Dr. Hunter's argument for not having done so.

A stay of execution for 28 days was granted to allow for an appeal.—Reuter.

Philadelphia, July 29.

Harold E. Stassen was named President of the University of Pennsylvania today. The former Minnesota Governor and unsuccessful candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination announced that he would accept the position.—United Press.

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DIS-INFLATION

Britain's efforts to check inflation are gathering strength. And at the same time as success is coming some mournful kites are again being flown, this time with the label, "general slump ahead". Perhaps this was to be expected, but so far it has had only one effect. It has produced a prompt and informed denial from the most authoritative source to know the facts—the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps.

If ever the attack on inflation should reach the stage of developing into a slump Britain has means to take action quickly and effectively. In some directions, it is true, a buyers' market is beginning to develop in Britain and a few industries making non-essentials are running into some difficulties. Home demand, for instance, for electric clocks, radio sets, domestic electrical appliances, carpet sweeper, and some kinds of cloth and leather goods, have appreciably fallen off.

But added up these factors are not any cause for alarm, rather the reverse. They are simply the proper outcome of the present British economic policy of striving to reduce the consumption of non-essentials. It was with this very objective in mind that certain taxes were increased in the last Budget. Over the coming months it is hoped that these falls in consumption will increase. All the time that home demand is falling it reduces inflationary pressure.

The official retail price index increased fractionally in June after remaining steady for May. Special reasons account, however, for the increase in the index, which is due to the Government's policy of mopping up unwanted purchasing power, by higher taxes on such items as tobacco, liquor and other consumption goods. Further, the withdrawal of subsidies from clothing automatically increased retail prices.

A further conclusive example of the fallacy of thinking a slump is on the way is the unemployment figures. Britain is today still very short of labour in many branches of activity and what unemployment exists is negligible. In fact the number of unemployed has fallen since mid-January by about one quarter to the low figure of 274,000. There are pockets of unemployment well above average but almost invariably these are due to special circumstances such as one or two large employers in a district closing down by reason of financial or raw materials difficulties or the need to curtail production of non-essential goods. These pockets are generally mopped up quickly by diversion of new work to the area or the transference of workers to other jobs. Real unemployment is virtually nonexistent. There are today about two jobs unfilled for every unemployed worker. Any restriction of production in less essential industries, is therefore, a waste of opportunity to

divert labour to where it is in greater need. To come back to our original point of anti-slump weapons there are many ways in which the British Government can swiftly increase public spending power. There is, for instance, an enormous backlog of home demand for capital equipment. There are some £750,000,000 of income tax postwar credits that can be released. Taxation can be reduced while still balancing the budget and the very drying up of spending will help to reduce prices and so after an interval, increase demand. While there is no immediate prospect of any of these things having to be done, the Government will without a doubt use one or all of them should a genuine slump threaten.

## EUROPE'S BLOODY BRETHREN

The Russians have answered the Allied request to end the blockade of Berlin.

The reply is arrogant, evasive, long-winded in the typical totalitarian style. Stalin, like Hitler, would argue the hind legs off any donkey that presents itself. Do not let us be the ass.

Stalin shows no desire for a settlement—only the old itch for propaganda as a means of the expansion which he is attempting in Italy at this moment.

We should be fools if we went to another futile Four-Power Conference on these terms.

Frankness First

The time has come to take stock of the fundamental, not the tactical.

Once more we are near to war, and the question arises: Can it be prevented by the same means as would have stopped Stalin's predecessor, Hitler?

One of these means is utter frankness to ourselves, our friends, and our enemies. And if anyone should mistake my frankness for overstatement, remember that if similar warnings had been heeded before the second great war 30,000,000 lives might have been saved.

Once again simple and urgent precautions must be taken. I always remember that Communism, Nazism, and Fascism are triplets and that Communism is the first-born. At this very moment the Communists are reviving in Germany their youngest brother, renamed the National Democratic Party instead of the National Socialist Party.

Why They Hate

Remember, too, that in 1939 the Moscow Communists deliberately brought about the war by alliance with their Nazi accomplices, and that their agents in every other country, including ours, tried to make democracy lose.

They nearly succeeded at that time—France fell, Britain stood, but emerged almost bankrupt. They have failed since because the United States emerged too strong for the Kremlin to tackle. Here in America, too, in which many dupes in many lands again including ours, have been induced to join. Do not be fools enough to play the Communist game.

2. Remember always that the Brethren have exactly the same aim—to dominate the world—and that they stick at no treachery, violence, or slaughter to accomplish it.

The only reason for which they fell out in 1941 was that both wanted the earth. Here, however, some superficial differences must be noted. The Russians are not nearly so militarily efficient as the Germans. Hitler would have beaten Stalin but for Western help; he nearly did so, anyway.

On the other hand, the German-Fifth Column was a small, clumsy thing compared with the Communist fifth column, which constitute by far the most efficient, universal, bloodthirsty conspiracy that the world has ever seen. 3. Always remember that Communism is not a Party, but is that very Conspiracy. The danger to democracy can only be as long as Communism is considered to have the same sort of rights as other parties in free countries. It is suicide to transmute this delusion into practice. Therefore, never pay heed to Communist misuses of the word "democracy." Never indeed believe a word that Communists say. They are as hardened liars as the Nazis, and Stalin has broken as many treaties as Hitler.

The False Creed

No totalitarian can ever keep his word, since it is his duty to break it for the benefit of his creed. The story of the past 30 years is there to confirm this in every detail.

So always treat Communists as plotters, pledged to your destruction. Extend this attitude to their fellow travelers. We have plenty of these in our midst even in the House of Commons. Insist that they should be constantly pilloried.

divert labour to where it is in greater need.

To come back to our original point of anti-slump weapons there are many ways in which the British Government can swiftly increase public spending power. There is, for instance, an enormous backlog of home demand for capital equipment. There are some £750,000,000 of income tax postwar credits that can be released. Taxation can be reduced while still balancing the budget and the very drying up of spending will help to reduce prices and so after an interval, increase demand. While there is no immediate prospect of any of these things having to be done, the Government will without a doubt use one or all of them should a genuine slump threaten.

4. Have no more patience with anyone who speaks of Communists and their creatures as "quite good fellows really." Write off anyone who talks this patter as either a fool or a knave. Totalitarians would always liquidate you all if they got a chance. How can killers be good fellows?

The easy-going citizens of a free country do not understand the cruelty inherent in Communism, else they would never have been silly enough to talk of Stalin as Uncle Joe.

He is, on the contrary, a tyrant who has wiped out millions to attain and keep power.

The Deadly Progress

Compare again the Nazis. They were, and are, beasts that have caused the death of 30,000,000 human beings. That figure, however, includes the war period, when their bestialities beat all records.

By Lord Vansittart

To get a fair comparison with the Communists you must either set aside some of the war figures or include those which the Communists would reach if they got their world war.

These would, of course, be far bigger, seeing the "progress" in lethal weapons over which the Communists will allow no control or restraint.

Look, then, at the Communist record in a peaceful time—liquidation of kulaks, 12,000,000 slaves of whom 10 per cent perished annually—cannibalistic executions, concentration camps in the satellite countries. There are the 30,000,000 victims without a war.

So again there is no difference in quality between the blood-brethren—only in quantity. The German population before the second war was under 70,000,000; the Russian population, plus that of the satellites, is 300,000,000. The Nazis could not therefore afford to suppress so many of world control, then there will certainly be a third world war, and most of us will perish in it.

6. Remember always that no totalitarian brooks criticism, let alone opposition. Show a sign of either and the High Priest of materialism will excommunicate you.

Tito Marked

Tito was marked for destruction not only because he was in the running against Molotov and Zhdanov — for Stalin's heritage, but also because he showed signs of independence.

That word is anathema to Communism. No freedom of thought, word, or deed is tolerated. Remember this, and you will not forget that "The Workers' Paradise" is the greatest fraud ever perpetrated on mankind.

Paradise where the workers are led to their jobs like the former serfs, where no one can move a foot without a police permit, where everyone spies upon his neighbour, and where, after 30 years of experiment, the standard of living is far below that of "capitalist" countries!

If you remember all these things, you will also remember that no real accommodation is possible between democracy and its opposite. If totalitarianism pursues its policy of expansion, war is inevitable; for democracy will not lie down to be enslaved. Can that policy be changed? Possibly—I put it no higher. We may even at this twentieth hour, check tyranny until its state "withers away," as Marx promised, but never meant.

The chance is not promising on present Soviet form. It will not exist at all unless we do two things forthwith: (i) make the Western alliance—including, of course, the United States—comprise every sector of war-potential, and (ii) increase our own contribution to it.

or else We Perish

I urged this years ago. So far all we of the West have failed to do either, and we may be too late.

Yet even now, if we live up resolutely to these six points and all that they imply, we may have a fighting chance of not fighting. If, at moments of eased pressure or sham interlude, we believe again that totalitarians will be satisfied with anything short of world control, then there will certainly be a third world war, and most of us will perish in it. Is that frank enough? IT IS THE TRUTH.

## JAPAN'S EXPORTS EXPANDING

Tokyo, July 28.

Kotaro Nagai, Director-General of the Japanese Board of Trade, said Japanese economy will begin to be stabilised next year thanks to her expanding exports plus the improving world food situation.

He said Japan has a bright trade future due to visits of Japanese trade representatives to the United States, France and India, visits here of foreign trade missions and alleviation of restrictions over international postal and tele-communications systems.

Nagai pointed out, for instance, that Japan now can export 200,000 bales of raw silk annually.

He said the amount of private international trade in May was \$10,624,000 compared with \$1,349,000 last September, which was the first month after Allied Headquarters permitted the resumption of private trade on a restricted basis.

Nagai predicted that the conclusion of agreements for a sterling account with the sterling area, together with the opening of Japan, France and French-Indo-China would further boost Japanese exports.—United Press.

## LISBON TAKES OVER UTILITY COMPANIES

London, July 29.

The Portuguese Government intends to nationalise all utility companies, whether in Portuguese Metropolitan or colonial territory, an official Portuguese spokesman stated today.

VISHINSKY IN BELGRADE

Belgrade, July 29. The Tanjug Agency reported that Andrei Vishinsky, Deputy Russian Foreign Minister, arrived at Belgrade airport tonight with the "Boyko" delegation to the Danube conference opening tomorrow.

M. Vishinsky travelled in the same plane from Prague with the Czech delegation, headed by the Czech Foreign Minister, Vladimir Clementis.

They were met at Zemun by the Yugoslav Foreign Minister, Stanislav Simic, and his Deputy, Alex. Rankovic.—United Press.

## LET'S STOP THIS TALK

Stop this talk of cutting down the numbers living in Great Britain.

Tell Mr. Chifley firmly but politely that we have no intention whatsoever of ripping half of Britain's textile industry from Lancashire and making a present of it either to Australia or anybody else!

Smash at the outset this notion that 35,000,000 instead of 50,000,000 is the appropriate population for the British Isles!

By PETER THORNEYCROFT MP

It is the growing and expanding nation, not the restricted and impoverished one, which brings prosperity to its inhabitants. Great empires crumble rather than at the extremities; increasing wealth is not to be found in cutting down the sources and centres of production.

Too many of the young men seeking to leave this country are impelled less by the opportunities they see outside than by the feeling of frustration which they find at home.

Small Scope

A Britain in which no one can do anything which he did not do in 1939 offers small scope for the young and the adventurous. Meanwhile, the dual process of exporting the best British stock and importing displaced persons from the Continent of Europe goes steadily ahead.

The decline of the Roman Empire was presaged by just such a fall in native population, accompanied by an increasing influx from abroad.

Yet this outflow of young British men and women is an insignificant dribble compared with the mass exodus now demanded by our Imperial planners.

We have been told, for example, by that distinguished Australian Mr. R.G. Casey to "decentralise" our population throughout the British Commonwealth, to stop regarding ourselves as an isolated community, and to plan our economy accordingly.

"Brave words," Mr. Casey, but do they mean anything at all, and, if so, what?

"Master Mind"

What master mind can be found to do this type of planning? No one planned the arrival of 50,000,000 people in the British Isles, and, if I know anything about them, none is going to plan successfully for their removal.

The British people have so far relied upon three things: A capitalist system which, whatever its faults, gave rewards for effort and imposed penalties for idleness, a number of great ports and harbours which have encouraged the occupation of merchant venturing, and the finding in vast quantities of the coal so necessary in an industrial age.

If we continue to keep these things, 50,000,000 people, perhaps many more, can live on here in reasonable comfort.

If we dismantle the economic system, refuse to work the ports, or fail to raise the coal, we shall, of course, be compelled to go elsewhere or starve and starve.

The fact that five-sevenths of the population of the Empire live within one-nineteenth of its area is a wholly irrelevant consideration.

They live in that area for the same reason that one-third of the population of Australia live within two cities—because they like it, because they can earn a

living there, because they prefer the amenities associated with modern industrial life to sitting in the middle of a desert.

Inherent Weakness

What, then, are the reasons advanced by those who wish to disintegrate the industrial structure which has grown up in Great Britain? Some maintain that there is an inherent weakness in a nation which lacks the agricultural resources to feed itself.

This is to deny the very basis of Britain's strength and greatness. A nation is under no more obligation to live upon its own agriculture than a man need seek to exist upon the produce of his own back garden.

Of what use is Britain's merchant fleet if not to bring the food and raw materials we need from every corner of the earth? What statesman under a Bedlam would seek to eliminate so convenient a process and one which has proved so profitable to all concerned?

Next it is claimed that decentralisation, however uneconomical, will be forced upon us on strategic grounds. There is not a little of evidence to support this claim—let those who proposed this argument explain how Britain could have survived the last war with only 15,000,000 fewer citizens to call upon.

The fact is we want more men, not fewer. We are at the beginning and not at the end of our greatest period of development. We want some of the best Australians, New Zealanders, Canadians, South Africans in Britain.

We want them in industry and science, in the universities and the Colonial Administration, we want them over here, Mr. Chifley, and we want them quick.

## DEFENCE WORKS IN SIBERIA

Washington, July 29.

The United Press learned today that national defence officials have definite evidence that Russia is constructing large scale defence works in Siberia, opposite Alaska.

These include complete airfields capable of taking large bombers. It is believed to be a partial explanation why no Canadian squadrons went to Britain on a "training" flight at the same time as United States Air Force planes.

Military experts consider every Canadian plane is needed to help in the defence of what in military parlance is known as the "Alaska Corridor."

Canada's strategic situation is expected to exclude the possibility of her forces being sent abroad in future in case of hostilities as happened in the last two wars.—United Press.

WILHELMINA'S NEW TITLE

The Hague, July 30. Queen Wilhelmina will take the title of Princess of the Netherlands after her abdication on Sept. 4. It was officially announced today.

This is the title which she bore before the death of her father, King William III. She will live in Loo Castle, north of Arnhem, and owing to her present state of health will be in complete retirement and will not even take part in the coronation of Princess Juliana on Sept. 8.—Agence France-Press.

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# BEVIN'S SOLEMN WARNING

## Berlin "Might Involve Use Of Force"

### GERMANS CONDEMN BLOCKADE

Berlin, July 29. Berlin's City Assembly, defying the wrath of the Soviet Army today condemned the Russian blockade as a "crime against humanity" in a tumultuous session marked by a mass Communist walk-out.

A bitter resolution, appealing to "the occupied powers" and to "the world," demanded that the blockade be lifted at once. It was approved by some 100 deputies after the Communist Speaker, Carl Lattke, and his followers had stalled angrily from the chamber.

The walk-out following the split of the Berlin police force into Western and Eastern factions, indicated that the capital soon might be ruled by two administrations, one for the Soviet sector and the other for the Western sectors.

Lattke led the Communists from the Assembly Hall after he was shouted down while trying to introduce a counter-resolution favouring the Russian viewpoint.

—United Press.

### Summoned By Chiang

Shanghai, July 29. Lieut. Gen. Hsuan Ti-wu, commanding the Shanghai, left here yesterday afternoon by train for the summer resort of Mokinshan, about 100 miles southwest of Shanghai, in response to a personal long distance call from President Chiang Kai-shek, who is spending a brief vacation there.

Observers here believe that the President will make another attempt to persuade General Hsuan to remain at his post.

It is reported that more than 10 local organisations, including the city's Chamber of Commerce and the General Labour Union, have wired the Nanking authorities, petitioning them to keep General Hsuan here.—Reuter.

### MINISTER RESIGNS

Budapest, July 29. Victor Czernoky, Hungarian Minister in Egypt and son-in-law of President Zoltan Tildy, has resigned.

No explanation was given for his resignation but rumour links it with the recent political purge of officials of the Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture.

The political police summoned Czernoky for questioning immediately after his arrival from Cairo five days ago and he is now reported to be confined to his home.—Reuter.

### PETROLEUM FIND

Damascus, July 29. Press reports said today that petroleum deposits, believed to be among the richest in the world, have been discovered in upper Syria. The reports said that the Petroleum Company, a subsidiary of the Iraq Petroleum Company, discovered the new fields at Khaffouth, 30 kilometers from Hareche.—United Press.

## Demobilisation Measures May Be Stopped

London, July 29.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, tonight warned a silent House of Commons that the Berlin crisis was one "which might involve the use of force." Because of that, Britain had been compelled to re-examine the whole position.

The Government was determined to take any measures which seemed necessary. It was considering whether it would be compelled to retain in the forces the 20,000 men now being released each month.

On defence, Mr. Bevin said: "It is well known to the House, the country and the world, that we have carried out a very considerable demobilisation of our wartime forces since the end of the war."

"We have turned our whole attention to the work of reorganisation and rehabilitation of this country and have been using our manpower to overcome the ravages of war, re-establish our economy and make good our balance of payments."

"Whilst we recognise that the situation might become difficult, I must confess to the House that in our calculations we did not assume that the policy of our wartime Allies might lead to a situation which might involve the use of force."

"The situation which has now arisen has of course compelled us to re-examine the whole position. The British Government are determined to take any measure which seems necessary to meet the situation."

"I am sure, however, that the House will recognise it is not desirable that I should make a public statement now on the measures which are being taken or might have to be taken to meet future contingencies."

### Wide Implications

On the diplomatic position, Mr. Bevin said: "We are prepared to enter into discussions with the Soviet Government on the situation in Berlin and we have never declined but the British Government cannot be expected to do this under duress, that is to say, under the conditions created by the Soviet Government."

"We are aware of the wide implications of the situation in Berlin and we have consistently pursued a policy of attempting to settle progressively the difficulties which have arisen."

"The Soviet Government have claimed that the introduction into Berlin of the currency of the Western powers lies at the root of the present difficulty. If so, our representatives in Berlin are prepared and always have been prepared, to enter into discussions on the question of currency."

"I would add that the British Government have never objected to the introduction of a unified or even of a Soviet Zone currency into Berlin."

"These discussions might even be broadened to cover other problems as well."

### Mr. Churchill

General agreement had been reached in London with the United States and French Governments about the future dis-

cussions with the Soviet Government. "We shall seek at the earliest possible opportunity to arrive on the Soviet Government our willingness to enter into discussions for the progressive solution of the difficulties which have arisen," Mr. Bevin stated.

He concluded: The object of the diplomatic steps now being taken is to clarify the position to ascertain whether there is any prospect of removing the obstacles to a discussion taking place for a settlement which the British Government desire and which we hope may lead to peace and security in Europe for us all."

Mr. Winston Churchill, leader of the Conservative Opposition, said the Opposition supported the general line and spirit of the Foreign Secretary's statement.

Asking if the release of 20,000 men a month from the Army was not a "very serious diminution of our modest military strength at this critical time," he said: "May it not hamper our policy of building up the defences of the Western Union, if, at a time when we are discussing with France and the Benelux countries how to make joint provisions for their security and ours, we are ourselves actively demobilising?"

"Will not the Government stop this process until at least the Berlin situation is satisfactorily resolved?"

### "Very Serious"

Mr. Bevin, after saying that the retention of these men was under review, added: "The building of the Western Union defences is quite separate and distinct from Berlin. It is for the permanent defence of the Western Union but I don't want to confuse it with any dispute with the Soviet Union on this particular issue."

In a further question, Mr. Churchill asked: "The matter is very serious and might easily become one of life and death. May I presume that the closest contact is being preserved between the Ministers and their professional advisers and that the Ministers are assuming full and direct responsibility for the precautions and measures which are taken or not taken at this moment?"

Mr. Bevin: "We certainly are taking the advice of the Chiefs of Staff and we are in very close touch with them."

But we do accept full responsibility for the advice we accept and act upon."

Answering further questions, Mr. Bevin said the Government had been in the closest touch with the Dominions and had discussed the whole of this problem. "We have given the Dominions all the information we could."

Dr. Haden Guest, Labour, suggested that Mr. Bevin nominate someone in an outstanding position "free from party ties, who can go to Moscow and negotiate at the highest level, as Lord Mountbatten did in India with such successful results."

### Defence Union

Mr. Bevin did not think there was any analogy between Moscow and India. "After all, India did not put us under duress," he said. The Government merely carried out a constitutional change and selected the very best possible man it could to go to India.

"All we have to do in Moscow, however, is to remove obstacles to discussion and with the most profound modesty, the negotiations will probably then be conducted on the highest of levels."

Mr. William Warbey, Labour, asked if the visits of American Superfortresses to Britain were part of a scheme to build up an Atlantic defence union.

If the Government supported that, he said, it meant that Britain would be committed to going to war on the side of the United States if the latter were involved in some military adventure or other as a result of a "blundering diplomacy."

"If we go along the line of building up an Atlantic military alliance, we are bringing the next war many years nearer and turning it into a virtual certainty," he said.

Mr. Ellis Smith, another Labour Member, calling on Britain to take the initiative in a world drive towards world brotherhood, warned against the "drift towards war."

V-2s had at least a 2,500-mile range, he said. V-3s were being made to carry atomic bombs over a range still secret. A few modern bombs would render Britain uninhabitable for 25 years. He wanted a world peace conference.—Reuter.

### EPSTEIN CALLS ON TRUMAN

Washington, July 29. E. Epstein, special representative of Israel, paid his first formal call on President Truman today and told him that the new state "wants to be a peace loving, progressive-democratic member of the commonwealth of nations."

Mr. Epstein said Mr. Truman expressed the hope of the closest and friendliest relations between Israel and the United States.—Associated Press.

## PLAIN WAR WARNING TO SOVIET LEADERS

Washington, July 29. Mr. Bevin's statement in the House of Commons today was received here as being about the nearest any Allied leader had come to warning the Soviet-Russian leaders that, if they continued their present course in Berlin it would lead to war.

On the basis of the first reports of the statement appearing here, this seemed the only interpretation of his warning that the Berlin crisis "might involve the use of force."

In this sense his speech was expected to strengthen the hand of the British, French and American Ambassadors when they speak to Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov.

Mr. Bevin's speech appeared to foreshadow the willingness of the three Western Powers to seek a general settlement of differences in Europe and not just in Berlin.—Reuter.

## DESPERATE BATTLE AT LONDON AIRPORT

London, July 29.

Forty Flying Squad police, in a desperate battle with a gang armed with crowbars, bottles and spanners, today foiled an attempt to steal diamonds worth nearly £3,000,000 and £2,000,000 worth of gold bullion from London Airport.

The gems and bullion were stored in the bonded freight warehouse which stands opposite the main gates and about 25 yards from the Airport police station.

Nine police officers and eight members of the gang were injured. One police officer had a suspected fracture of the skull, another suffered a broken nose, and a third a broken arm.

One man was detained in hospital. Another eight were charged and remanded in custody for a week, accused of being armed with offensive weapons; case openers, truncheons, bludgeons, and with assaulting and robbing three members of the police acting as guards of the eight strong-room keys.

The scene in the local magistrate's court resembled a casualty station after a battle. All the men charged were bleeding from numerous cuts on the face. One had an open wound in the head, several wore blood-stained bandages, and two had to be assisted to seats in the dock.

### Tipped Off?

The police too were cut and bruised. Four policemen were in the dock with the eight men charged. Four more stood guard just outside.

It was believed that the police had advance information that a raid had been planned, as they were surrounding the bond shed when nine men drove up in a black motor van, early this morning.

The leaders called for help and the police immediately appeared. Passengers who had just arrived from Brazil saw the grim struggle and ran up to help, but they were turned away by breathless police.

The ninth man was stated to be in hospital.—Reuter.

## US ARMS FOR PERSIA

Washington, July 29.

The United States today extended to Persia a credit of \$20,000,000 for buying and transporting surplus American military equipment.

The credit was extended under an agreement signed by M. Fathollah Pourzandani, Persian Minister, and Mr. Fred W. Ramsey, United States Foreign Liquidation Commissioner.

The agreement, which replaces an earlier extension of \$25,000,000 last year for such purchases, provides that \$10,000,000 is for purchases and \$10,000,000 is for repacking, packing and shipping the equipment to Persia.

The credit will be repaid over 12 years with interest at two and three-eighths per cent per annum.—Reuter.

## AMERICAN RED SURRENDERS

New York, July 29.

Robert C. Tompsett, chairman of the New York State Communist Party, who had been sought by the Federal Bureau of Investigation since he and 11 other leading Communists were indicted on July 20, voluntarily surrendered today.

Of 12 charged with belonging to the Party and with advocating the violent overthrow of the United States Government, only two are still missing. Nine have been arraigned and released on bail.—Associated Press.

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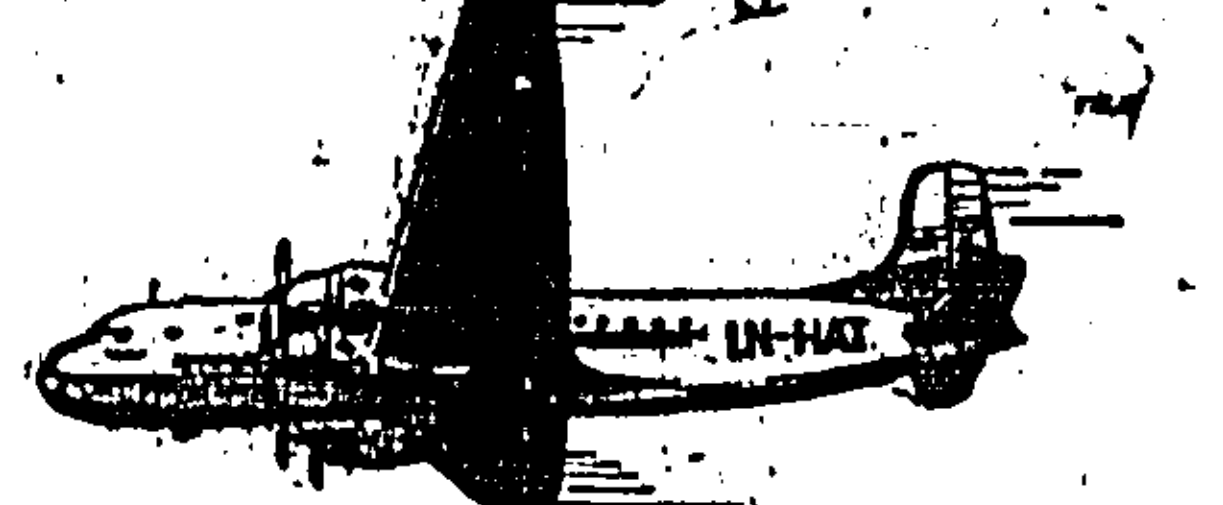
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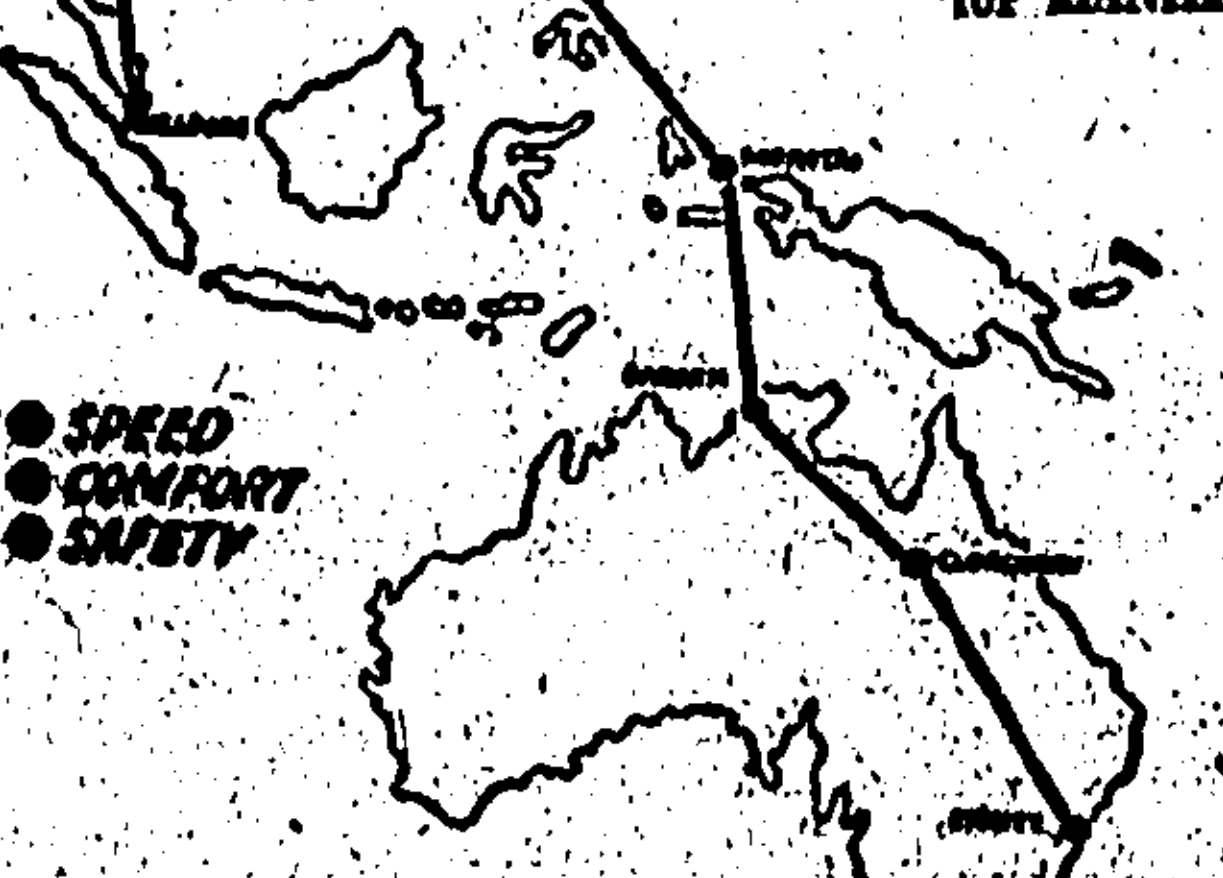
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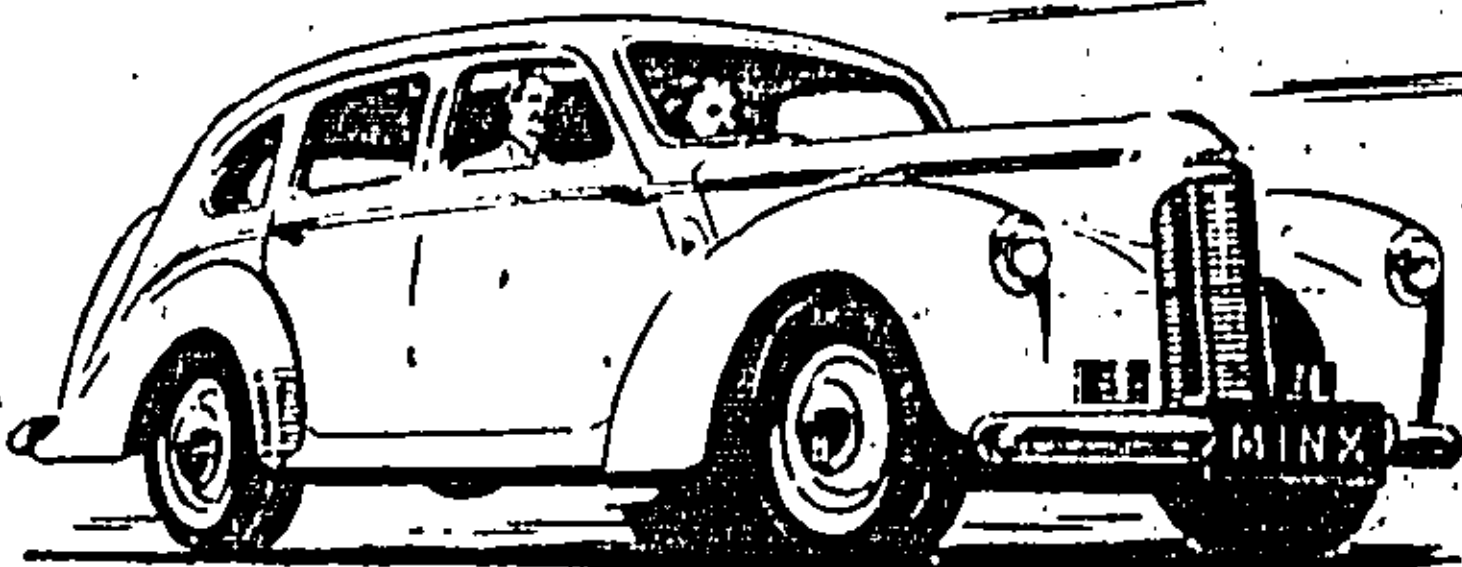


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## MOTERING NEWS AND VIEWS

### International Travel For The Hong Kong Motorist

The Committee of the H.K.A.A. have been in communication with the Royal Automobile Club, the Automobile Association and the Alliance Internationale de Tourisme regarding international car travel by members of the Hong Kong Automobile Association. Details for every country are far from complete yet, but certain information regarding post-war conditions of international motor travel will be of interest to the motoring public.

Briefly, the formalities to be complied with in taking a motor vehicle overseas for touring purposes may be summarised under the following main heads:

Customs.  
Driving.  
Registration.  
Passports and Visas.  
Insurance.  
Transportation (Vehicle and Passenger).  
Foreign Currency.

To relieve members of the inconvenience of making cash deposits by way of customs duty on their vehicles when entering a foreign country, arrangements can be made through the Royal Automobile Club to provide them with Customs Pass Sheets known as Triptyques where a single country is to be visited, or Carnets des Passages en Douanes when several countries are to be included in the tour. For visits to France only, the Customs document prescribed is an Acquit-a-caution. As a matter of interest, the average duty liability for the Continent, excluding Great Britain, is 60% of the value of the vehicle; that of Great Britain is normally 78%, but in the case of vehicles with a retail value in the U.K. of more than £1,280, the duty liability, owing to increased purchase tax, amounts to 120% of the value on entry.

#### Security Required

In all cases, Customs documents will be issued to members provided that (a) the papers are for their own personal use, (b) they undertake not to leave, sell, or hire the car in any country for which the Customs papers are issued, and (c) they agree to use the papers strictly in accordance with instructions attached thereto.

In order, that the Club's liability to the various Customs may be covered, security is required against the issue of the Customs Documents. This security may be in the form of an Insurance Agreement, a British Bank Guarantee or a cash deposit.

An International Driving Permit which obviates the necessity for obtaining foreign driving licenses should be obtained from the Police authorities and also an International Certificate for Motor Vehicles and also the "EX" plate of the regulation oval size, which will enable the vehicle to circulate abroad on its Hong Kong registration. However, most countries have an arrangement by which temporary registration plates can be granted to those vehicles arriving from overseas which have not been supplied with the appropriate International circulation documents.

The old pre-war Fiscal Permit which was a document providing for 90 days' freedom from road tax in certain countries is virtually a dead letter, and its absence will cause very little inconvenience to the majority of travellers, since this freedom from road tax is automatically granted in the majority of cases. Valid Passports must be held by each member of the party travelling, and these must be duly viséd by the appropriate Consular Authorities of the countries visited where visas are necessary.

#### Third Party Insurance

Third Party Insurance is compulsory in Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland. Several countries also require compulsory insurance of all employees, chauffeurs, valets, maids etc. For the Scandinavian countries, most British Insurance companies can supply a "Series A" card or Northern Card, which is accepted by the authorities as proof that the motorist is insured. If this card is not produced, then insurance will be payable at a daily rate. For Switzerland, a special certificate countersigned by an approved Swiss company and obtainable from certain British Insurance Companies must be produced, or a small fee will be charged on each entry as a contribution to a central insurance pool. Regarding car cover, the majority of companies will extend their policies to cover sentimental risks for a limited period without additional premium.

Since May 1st, British tourists may obtain £35 per year (children under 16, 25s) in the form of travellers' cheques and foreign currency for holiday travel to Norway, Sweden, Denmark, France, Italy, Portugal, Yugoslavia and Austria. For Switzerland special arrangements apply. Not more than £10 in foreign currency may be taken out of Britain, but foreign countries do not necessarily permit the entry of £10 in their own currency.

#### Petrol Rationing

Besides Britain, petrol is rationed only in France and Italy. Prices of petrol and oil vary greatly. Approximate prices per gallon are:

	Petrol.	Oil.
Belgium	2/2	15/-
Czechoslovakia	5/0	13/6
Denmark	2/10	7/3
France	2/10	5/6
Holland	2/4	12/-
Hungary	2/8	6/-
Norway	2/1	9/-
Portugal	3/0	9/4
Spain	2/10	15/-
Sweden	3/0	9/-
Switzerland	3/6	15/-

Certain countries are still under Military control, such as Germany, Trieste, areas of Italy and Austria. Normal tourist traffic other than transit, is not permitted in the first two zones. For Austria, special arrangements apply.

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### THE HKAA

Membership in the Hong Kong Automobile Association is growing fast, but not fast enough to cover the financial requirements needed to maintain an efficient service of road patrols, car park supervisors, cleaners and waiters.

The Committee are doing all in their power to increase membership, and are aiming at a membership of 1,200 by the end of the year, considering that there are approximately 10,000 motor vehicles in the Colony, this should not be an over-optimistic objective. The Committee earnestly appeal to all car owners and members of the public interested in motoring to join the Association, which will further the interests of motorists throughout the Colony.

Membership enrolment forms can be obtained from any Member of the Committee or from the Honorary Secretary, V. E. Ferrier, c/o U. Spallinger & Co. Ltd., York Building, or direct from the Secretaries, Messrs. Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., Exchange Building.

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### NUFFIELD RECORD

It was announced recently by Nuffield's Experts, that in the first 102 working days of 1948, they despatched 22,674 cars and trucks valued together, with spare parts, at more than £7,000,000.

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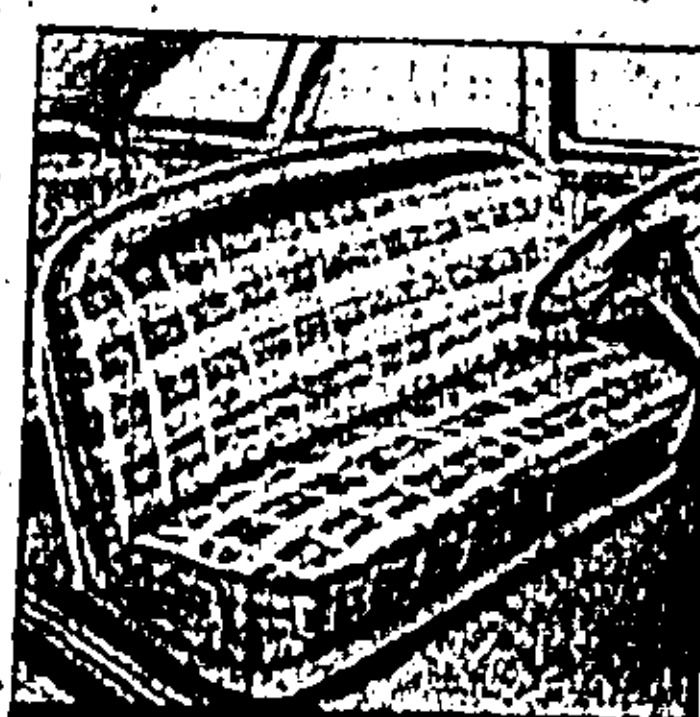
In 1939 a team of packers used to complete the boxing of 6 sets of vehicle parts in just under two hours. Today, they are finished in one and three quarter hours. "Additional emphasis to this remarkable export effort is given when it is realised that in the same period under review in 1937, one vehicle left the factory every 6 1/2 minutes. Today, it is the rate of one vehicle every 2 1/7 minutes."

### RAF BOMBER EXERCISE

Hemswell, Lincoln, July 29. Six Lincoln bombers of the 133rd Squadron Royal Air Force took off from here today for "Operation Bunker", a Bomber Command training exercise in the Middle East. The Lincolns will carry out bombing and air-landing practice at Shaluf in the Canal Zone of Egypt. (Associated Press.)

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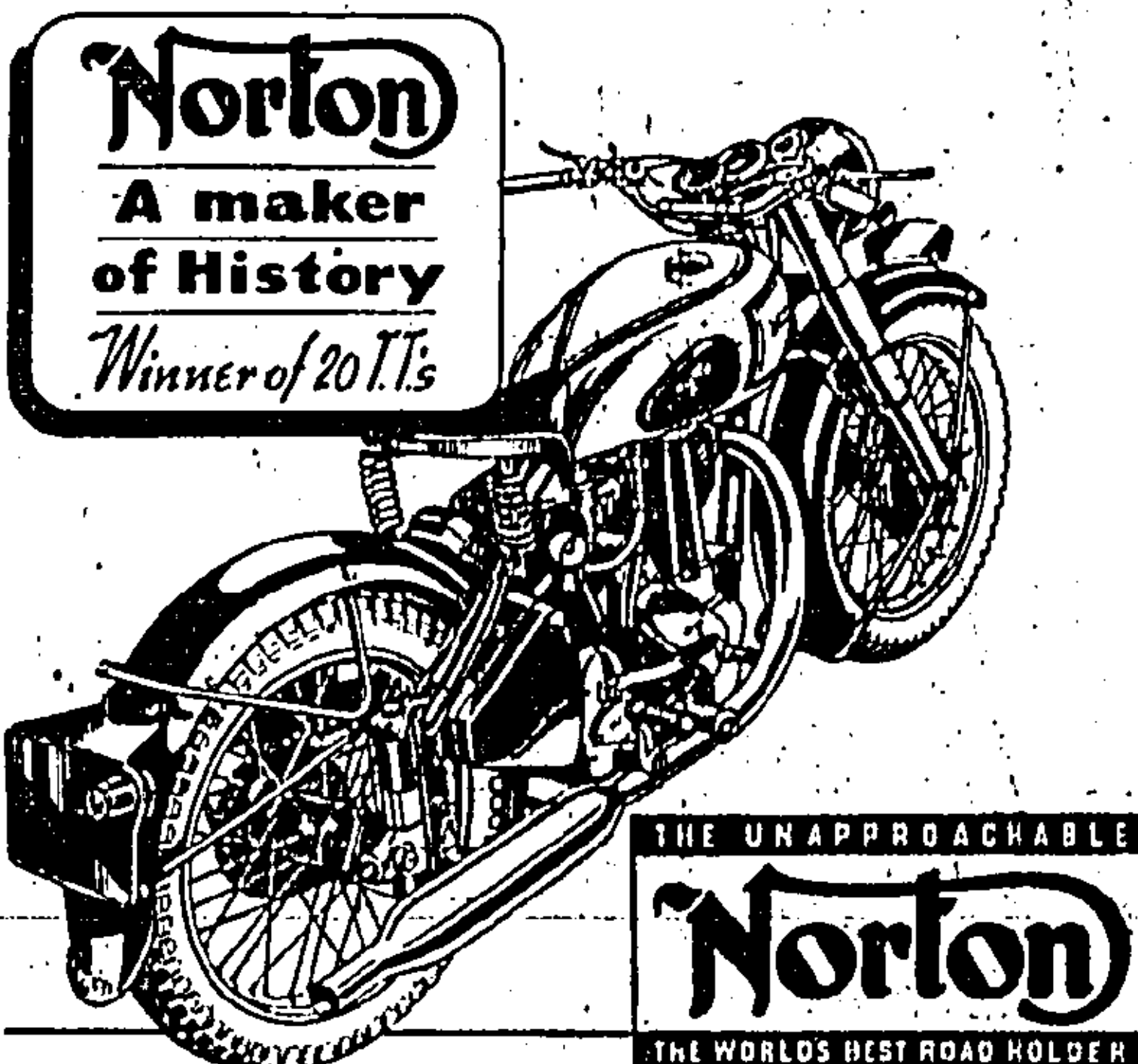
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# MOLOTOV "NOT IN TOWN"

## Calculated Snub To Western Powers? Trying To Avoid Talks On General Situation

London, July 29.

M. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Commissar, "is not at present in town," it was stated in Moscow tonight a few hours after the arrival there of the British and American envoys seeking personal interviews with him on the Berlin crisis.

Washington thinks that M. Molotov, by being absent, might avoid, from the very beginning, the efforts of the Western powers to discuss a general settlement of the issues.

In London, pessimists draw the conclusion that M. Molotov's diplomatic absence might be a calculated snub to the Western Powers.

These quarters also thought M. Molotov desired to discuss the Berlin situation only on terms satisfactory to the Soviet Government.

In Paris, many expressed the view that M. Molotov's absence could not be interpreted other than as unwillingness to receive the Western envoys at present.

The British and U.S. envoys were talking with the French envoy at dinner tonight about the approach they hoped to make possibly tomorrow to the Kremlin for new four-power negotiations on Germany. Reuter's correspondent, Don Dallas, in Moscow, reported tonight.

But as hopes ran high in Moscow that the Soviet Government might receive the approach sympathetically, the Press Department of the Russian Foreign Office told Reuter of M. Molotov's absence for an undisclosed period of time.

### Delicate Issue

M. Andrei Vyshinsky, his Deputy, has left for the Danube Conference in Belgrade and the office is in the charge of one of the other Deputies, probably M. Valerian Zorin, diplomatic observers believe. M. Zorin was formerly Soviet Ambassador to Czechoslovakia.

It was considered in Moscow that the Russians, as realistic, would listen to what the Western powers are proposing, rejecting it only if they considered it dictatorial in manner and unacceptable in content.

M. Molotov did not attend last Sunday's big Aviation Day parade just outside Moscow and many people then assumed he was on holiday, but confirmation that he was not in Moscow did not come until tonight.

The Russians are likely to agree in principle to a discussion of Germany as a whole but the delicate part of any negotiations will concern Berlin.

### London Distressed

If the Western authorities say: "You must first lift the blockade of the city," their move will fall because the Russians do not consider that they are in fact blockading the German capital, Don Dallas cabled.

The Russians would undoubtedly welcome a meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers to discuss Germany and might make specific proposals regarding the agenda for such a meeting.

The report has caused distress among the general public in London. It was not known whether,

### ROYAL TOUR

Canberra, July 29. The Australian Home Minister, Mr. A. V. Johnston, stated today that a schedule for the tour of Australia by the King and Queen and Princess Margaret, who will arrive on April 4 next year, had not yet been agreed upon.

They will leave Freemantle for England after the completion of their tour of Australian states.

Agence France-Press.

## EASING OF IMPORT REGULATIONS

Shanghai, July 30.

Existing import regulations have been simplified to enable applicants to bring into China capital goods, replacement parts and industrial raw materials with overseas Chinese funds.

Dr. P. H. Ho, Director of the Export-Import Board, told this to commercial and industrial leaders here yesterday.

Twenty-one different commodities were listed by the Director in his detailed explanation of the new regulations, removing the ban on the use in China of privately owned foreign exchange held abroad.

Commodities which may be imported under the new regulations are listed as rice, wheat, wheat flour, cotton, wool, jute and gunny bags, hemp, crude rubber and tyres for motor vehicles, timber and railway sleepers, fertilisers, petrol, liquid fuel lubricants, oil, coal, coke, paper and woodpulp, coconut oil and pharmaceuticals (for the manufacture of patented medicines).

Dr. Ho, who was addressing a specially summoned meeting of businessmen, emphasised that the new Government regulations would enable overseas Chinese funds to be employed in the establishment of new enterprises, extension of going concerns and

### KING LEOPOLD

Brussels, July 29. The Belgian Senate decided today to consider a Bill proposing a national referendum on the question of King Leopold.

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## Atom Bomb Problems

Chicago, July 29.

Dr. J. Carrell Allen, of the University of Chicago, said today that atomic bomb victims may become a prey to all types of diseases and epidemics after suffering initial burns, cuts, concussion and shock.

He said "acute irradiation injury" accompanying atomic explosions breaks down the body's resistance to infection and creates new medical problems.

Dr. Allen said the first problem is feeding the victim because of inflammation and swelling of the intestinal tract which prevents the absorption of food into the system. He said blood and plasma transfusions seem to offer the best solution.

He said that hemorrhage is another serious complication likely to occur.—United Press.

## Ace Gliders Killed

Geneva, July 29.

Two British ace glider pilots were killed yesterday during the international long distance trials over the Alps. Christopher Nicholson crashed near Chiavennale, Italy. Donald Greig tried to make the 7,000-foot Brenna Pass over the Alps, but ran into difficulties and had to bale out. It is believed his parachute failed to open, and he fell to his death near Edoles, 20 miles over the frontier in Italy.—Reuter.

## Communist Threat In Asia

London, July 29.

Dr. Chen Li-fu, Vice-President of the Chinese Legislative Yuan, said today that the Communists, if they win in China, will also win in India, Burma and Malaya.

In an interview, Chen asserted that the British would help China in the fight against Communism, if they realised fully what was happening.

"If China is lost Britain too is lost because she has so much at stake if Asia goes Communist," he added.

The Chinese legislator today had a long talk with Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin with whom he discussed the way the civil war was going in his country.

He is in Britain on his way home from Holland where he has been attending a moral rearmament conference.

Dr. Chen has often been referred to as a possible successor to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, President of the Chinese Republic.

His talk with Mr. Bevin about Communism in China followed conversations between the British Foreign Secretary and Burma's Foreign Minister U Tin Tut.—Associated Press.

## HOLY CITY PLAN SHELVED BY UN

London, July 29.

The United Nations Trusteeship Council, sitting at Lake Success, today decided to postpone "indefinitely" any further discussion on the question of a statute for the city of Jerusalem.

The vote was eight favouring, Soviet Russia opposing, and China, Australia and Costa Rica abstaining.

The Belgian delegate, introducing a motion for postponement, said any further discussion at present would "stir up passions and would endanger the work of the Mediator."

A report from Tel Aviv, meanwhile, states that a Jewish supply convoy on the way from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv under United Nations protection was turned back at Latrun today when three Arab Legion armoured cars blocked the road.

The United Nations officer said he "felt unable to take responsibility for the safety of the Jewish convoy."

Jewish convoys with supplies for Jerusalem were to be allowed to pass through Arab-held territory under the terms of the truce, but Legion officers appeared today to be under orders not to allow the convoy to pass, an Israeli Government spokesman said in the Jewish capital.

In Tel Aviv, the Israeli Government tonight categorically rejected Count Folke Bernadotte's proposal for demilitarisation of Jerusalem.

At the same time, the Foreign Minister, Moshe Shertok, said his Government was prepared to consider a reasonable plan for a settlement which would not prejudice the final solution to the Palestine problem.—Reuter and United Press.

## PHILIPPINES AND CHINESE

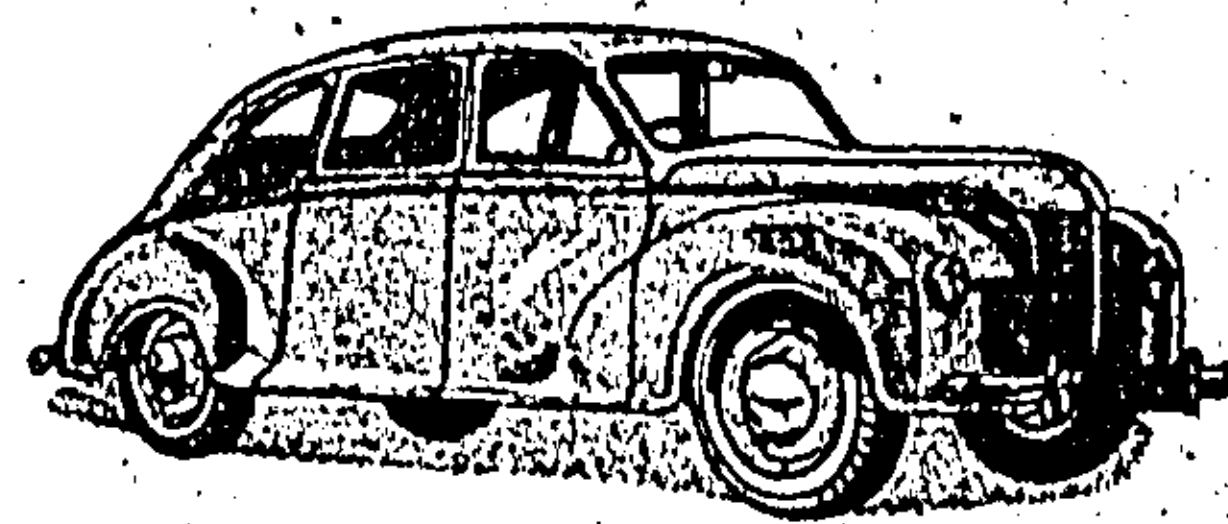
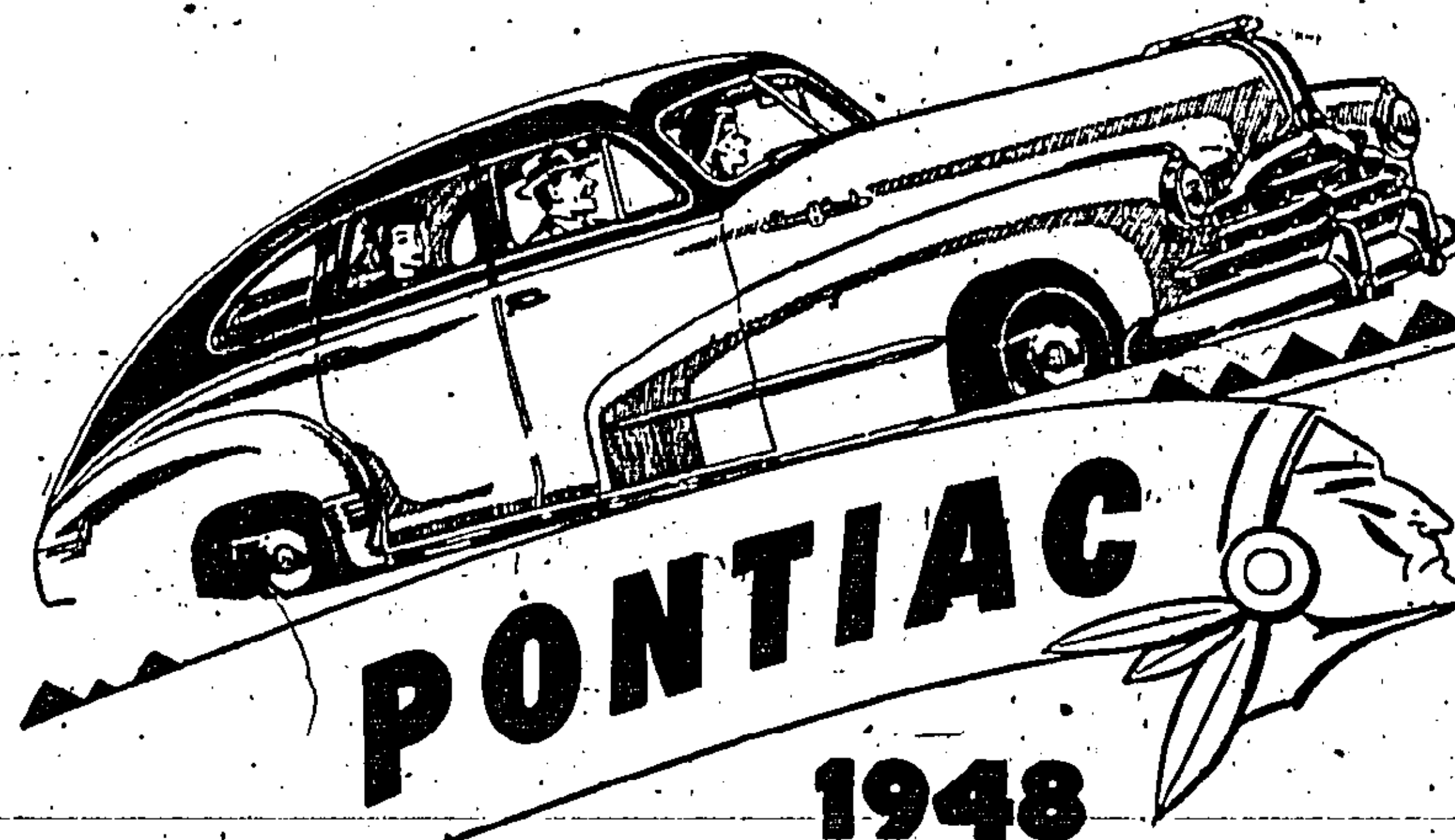
Manila, July 28.

President Quirino, answering a question at a press conference, said today there was no change in the Philippine immigration policy in relation to China.

He said: "Many have been urging us to increase the entry of Chinese displaced persons. We are considering applications as a matter of course but there is no change in policy."—United Press.

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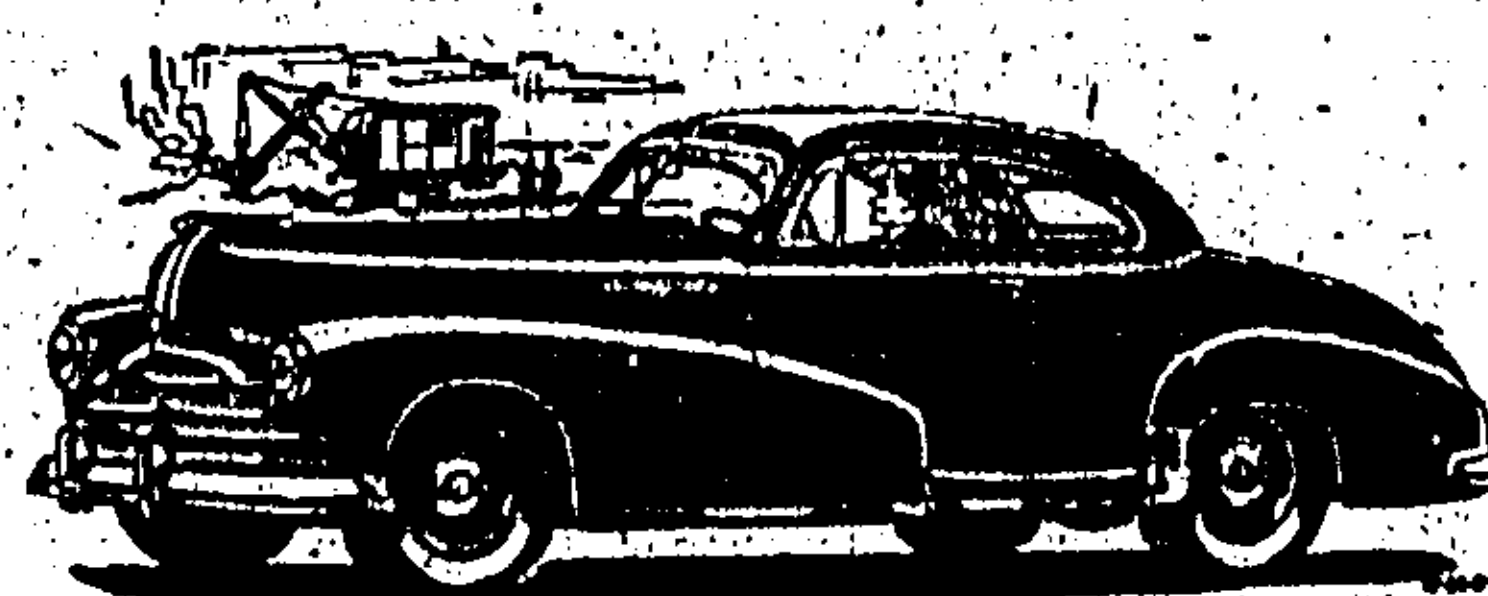
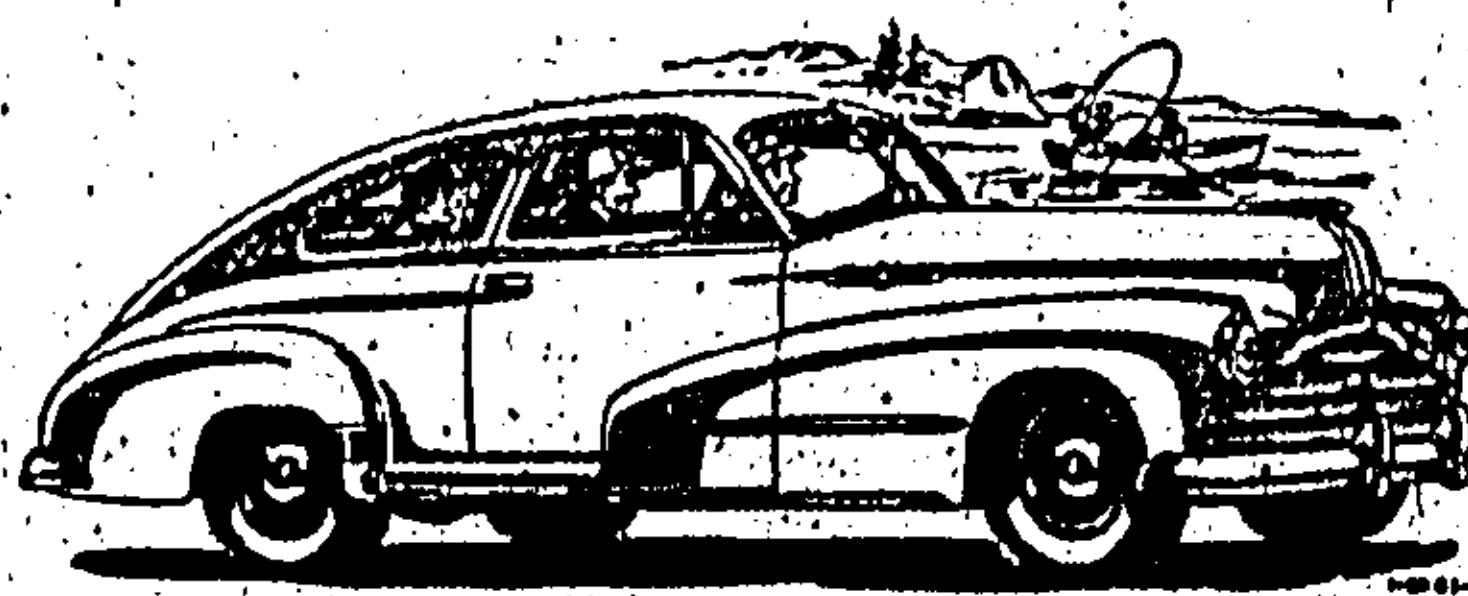
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## PENTHOUSE MURDER ARRESTS

Canton, July 30.  
The local police have arrested four men in connection with the recent "penthouse" murder of a pretty Chinese girl student, Miss Lau Sau-ching. Two of the arrested men are said to be carpenters.

Earlier this month Miss Lau's father found her dead in her room-top room. The girl was completely naked when found and there were signs that she had been bound. It was alleged that the girl had been molested. Her room was reported to have been ransacked.

The girl lived alone in her isolated "penthouse" room and it is understood that several days before her death she had complained about some one having peeped through her window.

It appears that a neighbouring house was under reconstruction at that time and that the intruders reached the penthouse by climbing up the scaffolding.

The late Miss Lau had just completed her college education and at the time of her death was preparing for entrance examinations to Lingnan University.

## LUDWIGSHAVEN SCENE OF WIDE DESOLATION GRUESOME SEARCH FOR VICTIMS

Ludwigshafen, July 29.  
Ludwigshafen is a shambles. Today, 24 hours after the disastrous explosion in the I.G. Farben chemical works, the scene is one of utter desolation.

No accurate figures of the death toll can be obtained but most reliable estimate is over 300 killed, with some 2,000 injured.

Streets are strewn with tangled and charred debris of demolished workshops and houses, the ruins of war years reinforced by the chaos of an industrial accident, people are searching for victims under piles of rubble, still smoking and horribly discoloured by chemicals, hospitals are filled with injured victims.

Ludwigshafen has been visited by a tragedy in the midst of the great German tragedy. It is a sorrowing city mourning its dead, weeping women reading the casualty lists, homeless people aimlessly wandering about the streets, stunned with the despair of those who have lost all. And still the gruesome search for victims continues. Still more are being unearthed from the smouldering ruins. The grim

spectre of death hovers over the districts close to the chemical plant. The blast of the violent explosion completely razed all buildings within a radius of about 500 yards.

### Rescue Work Continues

Grimy and dishevelled, grim squads of firemen and voluntary workers unrelentingly, although they have been without sleep since the disaster occurred, dig away at the smouldering heaps of rubble under which victims lie buried. Some are still alive, feverishly, with bleeding hands and torn clothing, the rescue workers hack away at the ruins. Casualty stations and morgues, through which file sorrow-stricken people in search of missing loved ones, have been set up in the buildings spared by the disaster.

So far, over 1,500 injured people have been taken to the Ludwigshafen hospital. Others, badly injured, are waiting in buildings in the chemical plant, to be taken away for treatment. Doctors are attending them. Stolidly, they lie there with all manner of injuries until they can be removed to the hospitals which are being made ready to receive them.

### Cause Of Disaster

French and American Red Cross workers and American members of the Society of Friends are distributing medical supplies and foodstuffs.

Grim of countenance, bowed by sorrow, the families of workers are gathering at the entrance to the plant, where the first casualty lists have been posted.

According to chemical experts it is possible that the explosion which brought disaster to the town, was caused by tanks containing ethyl products. It is on these tanks and their contents that the investigators are concentrating their search into the cause of the calamity.

Flames from these tanks, they say, must have spread in an instant to nitro-benzene containers a short distance away. But French experts believe that the real cause of the disaster will not be ascertained as there are no living witnesses to give their testimony as to what happened when the first explosion occurred. —Agence France-Presse.

## Behind The Scenes: WHEN DE GAULLE WAS UNDER SUSPICION

Washington, July 29.  
Secret Service guards of President Franklin Roosevelt were so suspicious of General Charles de Gaulle at the Casablanca conference that they kept him covered with their guns throughout his meetings with the President.

The story is told by Robert E. Sherwood in a Collier's magazine article on "The Secret Papers of Harry L. Hopkins."

Hopkins was an intimate aide of President Roosevelt. Gen. de Gaulle, now leader of the Rightist "Rally of the French People," had been very reluctant to join Mr. Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill when they met in Africa in January, 1943. Foreign Minister Anthony Eden had to argue with General de Gaulle in London for nearly a week before he agreed to go.

The Frenchman was offended because he had not been forewarned of the North African invasion or of the Casablanca conference. Also, his relations had not been cordial with General Henri H. Giraud, whom the Allies had chosen to be the French leader in Africa.

Describing the first meeting of Mr. Roosevelt and General de Gaulle, Hopkins wrote in his diary:

### Hocus Pocus

"In the middle of the conference I noticed that the whole of the Secret Service detail was behind the curtain and above the gallery in the living room and at all doors leading into the room, and I glimpse a Tommy gun in the hands of one."

"I left the conference and went out to talk to the Secret Service... and found them all armed to the teeth, with, perhaps, a dozen Tommy guns among the group. I asked them what it was all about. They told me they could not take any chances on anything happening to the President."

"None of this Hocus Pocus had gone on when Giraud saw the President and it was simply an

## Fostering Mandarin In South

Canton, July 30.  
A step to foster the spread of Mandarin, the national language, throughout Kwangtung Province has been taken here with the issuing by the Education Department of instructions to all schools regarding the employment of teachers.

A circular has been sent to all districts in the Province stressing the need of employing Mandarin-speaking teachers and setting out subjects such as geography, history and literature which should be taught in Mandarin.

Each province in China has its own predominant dialect, but Mandarin is the recognised official language. It is the language of high-ranking Government officials and Dr. T. V. Soong, Governor of Kwangtung, speaks in Mandarin at all his press conferences. —Reuter.

Moscow, July 29.

M. Alexei Krutikov has been appointed Vice-Premier by the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R. The Tass news agency announced here today. —Agence France-Presse.

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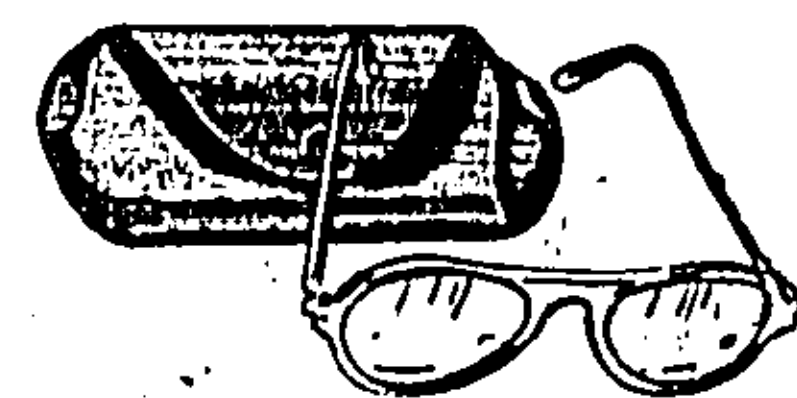
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